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Special Dispatch to the New-York Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The impression is general here to-night that the French Spoliation bill will be vetoed. e.

Disorder Day in the House—The Attorney General in Court.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Feb. 12, 1855.

This is one of the days on which motions to suspend the rules are "in order" in the House; and, as a consequence, the House is in general die-order. Every man has the right to move to suspend for any purpose, provided he can get the floor and a two-thirds vote to sustain him. If a stranger desires a sight of the House in its roughest mood, their suspension days furnish the occasion for him; but, my word for it, if he has anything of the destructive in his phrenological organization, he will feel disposed to suspend the members, or some of them, before the day is over.

Step with me to the ladies' gallery, now, and witness the opening of the day and its progress. The eloquent Chaplain, Mr. MILBURN, presents his petition to the Throne of Grace, the Speaker calls "to order," and the Journal of Saturday is read by the Clerk, whose closing words are drowned in the stentorian shouts of "Mr. Speaker!" "Mr. Speaker!" issuing from fifty throats, as fifty human forms spring from fifty cushioned seats, as though shot from as many mortars. The gentleman from ——— is "recognized," and the remaining forty-nine sink into the recesses of their chairs, and prepare for another tiger-spring as soon as occasion shall offer.

This process is repeated as often as one proposition is disposed of, and the desk thus cleared for another. As the day advances and the prospect of success dwindles, the unfortunate applicants for the floor begin to show symptoms of despair, and hang out flags of distress. Their lips pale,—their eyes start from their sockets as they gaze eagerly towards the Chair. And now when the rush is made for the floor again, the more desperate seize upon the quire of foolscap, or the newspaper, or volume lying upon their desks, and wave it nervously in the air, hoping thereby to attract the Speaker's attention. A little later the unsuccessful aspirants maintain their standing position all the time to be ready for another effort, on the principle of sitting up all night in order to avoid oversleeping one-self in the morning. And now they gradually gravitate towards the centre of the floor, until the crowd of almost angry contestants carry on their struggle right under the nose of the Speaker, who—finding the disorder too great for endurance—at last cries for quarter, says he *must* have order, raps lustily with his gavel, and tells gentlemen to "please to stand back." The master of games at a chicken fight couldn't utter those words with more effect.

And so goes the day. Little is accomplished, because it is seldom that a two-third vote can be *obtained for any measure; and the time is all expended in futile attempts.* But to-day, something was done under a suspension. The Senate Joint Resolution to authorize the President to confer the rank of Lieutenant-General, was taken up and passed by a vote of two to one. Although the name of Gen. SCOTT is not mentioned in the resolution, it is well known that it was passed for the purpose of having the honor named conferred upon him; and when the new rank has once been bestowed, the power to confer it is exhausted. It gives the General between twenty and thirty thousand dollars back pay, and an increase of about $1,000 on his yearly pay. Thus is consummated a long withheld act of justice—an act which, except for party malevolence, would have long ago added to the title, as it cannot add to the honor and glory of the hero of Lundy's Lane and of Mexico.

Attorney-General CUSHING made an argument of three hours in length in the Supreme Court to-day, which is pronounced most able, learned and brilliant. The case is that of the United States, appellant, *vs.* ARCHIBALD A. RITCHIE. It is the first of a long series of California Land Claims cases, upon the settlement of which depends the title to immense tracts of land in California, held under old Spanish grants,—and a statement of its points will be interesting not only to the legal profession everywhere, but to thousands of readers who have friends interested in California landed estates. The facts of the case are thus succinctly presented in the Attorney General's brief:

This cause comes to the Supreme Court on appeal from the decision of the District Court for the Northern District of California. That Court affirmed the decision of the Board of Commissioners to settle private land claims in that State, confirming said RITCHIE in his claim to four square leagues of land called "Solano." He claimed under the following title:

1. By a grant, dated Jan. 22, 1842, from JUAN B. ALVARADO, Mexican Governor for the Department of the Californias, to FRANCISCO SOLANO, an Indian, in consideration of services he had rendered on the frontier of Sonoma.

2. A confirmation of ALVARADO's grant to SOLANO on the 2d day of October, 1845, by the departmental assembly for the Department of California.

3. On the 25th day of May, 1846, FRANCISCO SOLANO conveyed the lands, thus subsequently confirmed to him, to MARIANO GUADALUPE VALLEJO, for the consideration of 1,000 hard Mexican dollars. This conveyance was made before Capt. SALVADOR VALLEJO, military commandant, exercising civil jurisdiction at Sonoma.

4. That on the 25th of August, 1846, MARIANO GUADALUPE VALLEJO and wife, for the expressed consideration of $10,000 paid down, and $40,000 secured, conveyed to the said ARCHIBALD A. RITCHIE the premises in question by a deed, with covenants of warranty and seizin. This conveyance was acknowledged before a notary public, and was recorded in Sonoma County.

5. J. SOLANO appears to have petitioned for the land in question as early as January 16, 1837, describing himself as principal chief of unconverted Indians; and a temporary and provisional grant was made to him by M. G. VALLEJO, military commandant, on the 19th of that month.

6. On the 15th of January, 1840, JUAN ANTONIO VALLEJO, as attorney, (but for whom is not stated,) applied to Gov. ALVARADO for a custom, purpresture and hereditary, of the premises in question, who granted his request, subject to certain conditions and subject to confirmation by the Departmental Assembly.

7. That at the time of the temporary grant of the premises to SOLANO, in 1837, he was in possession, and so continued to the time of the alleged transfer to M. GUADALUPE VALLEJO, and the latter remained in possession to the time of the transfer to RITCHIE.

8. It was testified, by certain witnesses, that by law in California, emancipated Indians had a right to acquire and transfer lands, and that SOLANO had that right.

9. MARIANO GUADALUPE VALLEJO, under exceptions, was sworn three times as a witness for the petitioner.

10. The temporary title of 1837, to SOLANO, was made by M. G. VALLEJO, and purports to bear date Jan. 18, 1837.

11. The deed of conveyance from SOLANO to M. G. VALLEJO, is signed by SALVADOR VALLEJO, describing himself as a captain and military commandant, exercising civil jurisdiction. This deed contains unusual and extraordinary provisions.

12. SOLANO had been residing on this tract, and had built on it some two years before the date of M. G. VALLEJO's temporary title to him, which purports to have been in 1837. M. GUADALUPE VALLEJO swears that SOLANO's habitations had always been on the Sonoma, in 1833, according to the rules of secularization, he received a grant of the tract, and put him in possession by direction of Governor FIGUEROA."

13. The proceedings by JUAN ANTONIO VALLEJO to obtain title in the name of SOLANO, took place in January, 1842, while the proof shows that M. GUADALUPE VALLEJO was then, and had been, in possession. MANUEL BAGA testified that he had resided in California (town of Sonoma) since 1841, and knew the rancho in question, and says: "When I first came to California, GUADALUPE VALLEJO was in possession of the rancho."

14. SALVADOR VALLEJO swears (Record, pp. 27, 28) that he officially put SOLANO in possession in 1842, and in another part of his deposition, taken in March, 1852, he testifies: "Ever since I knew the place, which is twenty-two years, SOLANO had a house on the premises; it was built of adobe, but I cannot tell when it was built."

15. SALVADOR VALLEJO testifies that SOLANO "acted as mayor-domo" for M. G. VALLEJO.

16. Why SOLANO, who it seems was in possession as early as 1833, and who was formally put in possession by M. GUADALUPE VALLEJO, by order of Gov. FIGUEROA, petitioned M. GUADALUPE VALLEJO, in 1837, for the same land; and why, in 1842, he petitioned *Gov. ALVARADO, (if he was, in fact, an actor,) for the same;* and why M. GUADALUPE VALLEJO, in 1837, granted to SOLANO land which he had put him in possession of two years before, is not explained by the testimony in the record.

17. The rancho of Suisun was mission-land; for GUADALUPE VALLEJO says: "In 1835, according to the rules of secularization, he (SOLANO) acquired the rights of possession." There is nothing to show how SOLANO acquired any such assumed rights.

18. The land is situated on Suisun bay; but whether that bay is a part of the sea-coast, or at what distance the rancho is from the main line of the sea-coast, or from the land frontier of California, is not stated nor proved by the petitioner.

The points made and argued by the Attorney General are:

1. The alleged sale from the Indian SOLANO was not made in the presence of justice, and by public vendue; and was therefore null and void, even supposing SOLANO to have had a good title from the Mexican Government.

2. This defect is not cured by the action of the departmental assembly, which does not relate back nor inure for the benefit of VALLEJO.

3. The case rests mainly on the testimony of VALLEJO, who, having conveyed to RITCHIE, with covenants of seizin and warranty, was incompetent as a witness to prove the title.

4. No title passed from the Government to SOLANO, the whole transaction being a fraud, of which SOLANO was the instrument, for the benefit of VALLEJO.

5. The land, being mission land, was not colonizable; and therefore the pretended grant to SOLANO was null and void.

6. Being mission land, if (which is denied) SOLANO acquired any interest therein, he could not lawfully convey it to VALLEJO by any form of conveyance whatever; and, on his possession ceasing, the land reverted to the public domain.

7. The pretended title of VALLEJO, through SOLANO, was only a fraudulent device to cover the plunder, by him, of a part of the mission lands of SAN FRANCISCO SOLANO.

8. The land is not shown to be at the necessary distance from the frontier to make it subject to colonization.

9. Of course, VALLEJO, having no title, could convey none to RITCHIE, and the land appertains to the public domain of the United States.

The argument in behalf the appellee will be made by ex-Secretary BIBB, who recently resigned a clerkship in the Attorney General's office, in order to become an attorney in this case. a.

THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS....Second Session.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Mr. WADE presented the credentials of Mr. SEWARD as Senator from New-York for six years from the 4th of March next. Read and placed on file.

Mr. MORTON presented the credentials of Hon. DAVID L. YULEE as Senator from Florida for the same term, which were also read and placed on file.

Mr. WADE, upon unanimous consent being allowed him to do so, introduced bills for the improvement of the harbors of Conneaut, Fairport, Cleveland, Ashtabula, Huron, Sandusky City, and the mouth of the Black River. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. JONES, of Iowa, introduced a bill for the improvement of the harbor at Dubuque. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. GWIN introduced a bill to continue the works at Fort White Harbor, San Francisco.

SUBTERRANEAN TELEGRAPH.

Mr. DOUGLAS reported the bill from the House, *establishing a line of subterranean telegraph to the Pacific,* merely granting the right of way. The amendments were concurred in and the bill passed.

CALIFORNIA LIGHTHOUSES.

Mr. GWIN offered resolutions instructing the Committee on Commerce to inquire into the expediency of providing for the building of lighthouses at Crescent City and Trinity Bay, California.

On motion of Mr. GWIN, the Senate's bill for the better protection of passenger ships was recommitted to the Committee on Commerce.

INDIAN APPROPRIATIONS.

The Indian Appropriation bill was then taken up.

Mr. BROWN offered an amendment to it, proposing to submit to the First Comptroller of the Treasury the claim of Mr. THOMPSON for legal services in favor of Menomonees.

Mr. STUART objected to the withdrawal of such claim from the Indian department.

A desultory and general debate then followed, during which Mr. RUSK reported a bill from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post Roads, to carry out the last annual recommendation of the Postmaster General as to the greater security of valuable letters by the registry thereof.

CIRCUIT COURT IN MISSOURI.

The bill providing an additional term for the Circuit Court of the District of Missouri was introduced, but Mr. CHASE desiring to include Ohio it was postponed until to-morrow.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Bills were passed making appropriations to continue public buildings in Oregon and Minnesota. For the construction of military roads in these territories. For a territorial road in Nebraska. To provide accommodations for the United States Courts in Maryland, and a Post-Office at Baltimore.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Several bills from the House were taken up and appropriately referred.

Mr. MORTON introduced a bill for the completion of surveys across the Isthmus of Florida.

Mr. CHASE introduced a bill increasing the compensation of the Collector at Cleveland and Toledo. Both referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. WELLER endeavored to introduce a motion to meet for the residue of the Session at 11 o'clock. At the same time Mr. STUART wanted the Senate to go into an Executive Session, but before a vote on either could be taken, it appeared that no quorum was present, and, therefore, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 13.

This being the day set apart for the consideration of Business appertaining to the Navy, Mr. BOCOCK, from the Naval Committee, reported a bill providing for more efficient discipline in the Navy. Revolutionary in its provisions. There was not so far as he could learn the slightest objection to the bill. Its passage was desirable, from the fact that there has been no legislation concerning discipline in the Navy since the year 1800, with the exception of the abolition of punishment by the lash in 1850, nothing having been substituted in lieu thereof. The bill provides that sailors serving three years, if faithful, shall receive an honorable discharge; and one re-enlisting within three months after his discharge, on presenting his certificate of fidelity and obedience, shall be entitled to full pay during said three months. Summary Courts Martial may be ordered on petty officers and persons of inferior rates, who, on conviction of an offence may be sentenced to any one of the following punishments: Discharge from service with a bad conduct discharge; solitary confinement in irons, single or double, on bread and water, or diminished rations; solitary confinement in irons, single or double, the confinement not to exceed thirty days; solitary confinement in irons not exceeding two months; reduction to next inferior rating; deprivation of liberty on shore on foreign stations; extra police duties and loss of pay, not to exceed three months, may be added to any of the above mentioned punishments. No sentence of a Court Martial to be carried into effect without the approval of the officer ordering the Court, who shall have power to remit in part or altogether, but not to commute any sentence. Recommendations made in case of sickness or injury to the health of the person sentenced. After amendment that sentence of dismissal shall not be carried into effect in a foreign country, the bill was passed.

EFFICIENCY IN THE NAVY.

Mr. BOCOCK reported the Senate bill with the amendments to promote the efficiency of the Navy. It provides that the President shall summon a Board of Naval Officers to make a careful examination into the efficiency of officers, and report to the Secretary of the Navy the names and rank of all officers of said grades who shall be incapable of performing promptly and efficiently their duty, both on shore and afloat. If the finding be approved of by the President, they shall be placed in the order of their rank and seniority at the time, upon a list in the Navy Register, to be called the reserved list. They are to receive leave of absence or furlough pay, to which they may be entitled when so placed, and shall be ineligible to further promotion, but shall be subject to the order of the Navy Department at all times for duty. The vacancies created in the active service list by placing officers on the *reserved list, shall be filled by regular promotion in the* order of rank or seniority. All officers who may be promoted to fill vacancies, shall, while unemployed, receive only, on leave of absence or waiting orders, the pay to which they would have been entitled if such promotion had not been made, but when employed at sea or on other duty, they shall receive in addition, the difference between that and the sea or other duty pay, of the grade to which they may be promoted. It is provided that this scrutiny and reservation of officers shall extend only to the grades of Captain, Commander, Lieutenant, passed Midshipmen and Masters.

Mr. BOCOCK said no opinion was better founded than that there ought to be a thorough and searching reform in the *personnel* of the Navy. Many officers are now in the list who ought never to have been placed there—and draw pay without rendering service. There is something revolting in the idea of turning off old naval officers without the means of subsistence, and this bill makes provision for them. He adverted to the various abuses which the bill will correct, and related the following as a case in point: An old captain, not long since, called on the Secretary of the Navy and said something about business, but the Secretary did not know him until he told him his name and the State from which he came. He said, having had nothing to do for some time, he had been farming, but he came here semi-annually and drew leave of absence pay.

Mr. PECKHAM—Who is to blame for those Captains not being in service?

Mr. BOCOCK replied—In some instances officers are incompetent. No discreet Secretary of the Navy would trust men who have not done active service for twenty-five years.

Mr. BRELTON thought we had two many officers. The inefficient ones ought to be discharged and no more retained than can be employed. He argued it was unjust and cant republican to retire officers on pay, while the sailor was summarily discharged. It was a class of legislation derived from the English system.

Mr. CHANDLER while willing for the creation of a board of officers to pass on the efficiency of those submitted to their examination, opposed the retiracy of any of them without formal charges.

Mr. STANTON, of Tenn., would vote for the bill because he believed it to be a step of advancement in the right direction.

Mr. MORGAN spiritively said that retiring members of Congress should be placed on a list, as by this bill the House was about to establish an enormous civil pension system.

The bill was passed by a vote of 116 against 60.

THE NEW SLOOPS-OF-WAR.

The House went into Committee on the bill authorizing the construction of seven steam sloops-of-war—four to be built in the Government Navy-Yards, and three by private contracts—appropriating one million of dollars for that purpose.

Mr. BOCOCK spoke of the necessity of passing this bill, saying, there is a surplus in the Treasury, and if left there it will be a fund for speculation, and the object of plunder.

Mr. STANTON, of Tenn., while declaring his readiness to vote for the bill, advocated the building of one vessel at the Memphis Navy-Yard.

Mr. SOLLERS argued that there was no necessity for the proposed increase of the navy. In reply to Mr. BOCOCK, he said, in the good old Whig times he never heard of plunder—"that the Democratic Chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs had expressed a fear that if the surplus should be left in the Treasury, it would be diverted to corrupt purposes by a Democratic Administration."

Mr. BOCOCK said he alluded to the fact that there would be a majority of Know-Nothings in the next Congress.

Mr. SOLLERS replied—Whatever the gentleman might say the Know-Nothings know enough to preserve the integrity and purity of this Government, and they would never make the admission the gentleman made, that the funds, by remaining in the Treasury, would be diverted to corrupt purposes. We shall as certainly obtain the possession of the Government as there is a God in Heaven, and we will administer it with purity, without the smell of fire on our garments. The gentleman from Virginia might talk as much as he pleased about the Know-Nothings, but they will restore the Government to its original purity.

Mr. SEWARD offered an amendment making appropriations for harbor improvements. He thought it infinitely better to appropriate the money to improve Southern harbors, that the largest class of ships may enter them, than to spend it in the construction of vessels with a draft adapted to Southern harbors.

Without concluding action on the bill the Committee rose and the House adjourned.

A BILL

To Remit or Refund Duties upon Goods, Wares, and Merchandise Destroyed by Fire.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases in which any importer or purchaser shall show probable cause to the Secretary of the Treasury to believe that he has paid or is bound to pay duties upon goods, wares and merchandise destroyed by fire, in unbroken and original packages as imported, between the 7th day of July, 1836, and the 28th day of March, 1854, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to appoint a commission composed of the Collector and Naval Officer of the district, within which such fire shall have occurred; and when there shall not be a Naval Officer in the collection district within which the goods have been so destroyed by fire, then the Attorney of the United States for the district within which the fire shall have occurred, Surveyor, or such other officer of such collection district as the Secretary of the Treasury shall designate, which commission shall ascertain the amount of duties paid or to be paid on articles destroyed as aforesaid, the name or names and places of residence of the several persons entitled to have the said duties refunded or remitted, and the kind and quantity of goods, wares, and merchandise destroyed as aforesaid, together with such other facts and particulars as the Secretary of the Treasury shall direct:

Provided, That no duties shall be remitted or refunded on any goods, wares or merchandise destroyed as aforesaid, unless it shall satisfactorily appear that the said destruction took place within the space of five years from the date of the importation of said goods, if imported prior to the passage of the act of 3d of March, 1849, entitled "An act requiring all moneys received from customs and from all other sources to be paid immediately into the treasury, without abatement or reduction, and for other purposes;" but if imported subsequently to the passage of said act, then the destruction of the goods shall be proved to have taken place within the space of two years from the date of importation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said commission shall meet at the time and place designated by the Secretary of the Treasury in the order convening them, or as soon thereafter as may be, after reasonable notice to the parties interested, and proceed to take testimony in relation to the goods so destroyed, the amount of duties paid, or to be paid, to the United States thereupon, and to the persons entitled to receive or have remitted to them the amount of such duties. Each of the said commissioners is hereby authorized to administer the necessary oaths or affirmations to all persons who are to give testimony in the premises; and all the testimony presented to or taken before the said commission shall be committed to writing, and be signed by the respective witnesses giving the same.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That as soon as the said Commissioners shall have finally closed the taking of testimony in relation to any one or more claims, they shall cause to be made a full and perfect statement of the goods, wares and merchandise, proved in said claim or claims, to their satisfaction, to have been destroyed by fire as aforesaid, within the *periods* before specified, and in the unbroken and original packages in which the same were imported, designating in such statement the number of packages, the dutiable value of each, the rate and amount of duty upon each, and the name of the person or persons entitled to receive or have remitted to him or them the duties paid, or secured to be paid upon each package, and the fact whether such duty has been paid or remains unpaid or secured; and shall ascertain and report whether any and what part of the merchandise so destroyed was insured; and if insured, whether such insurance has been paid, or is amply secured to be paid, and if so paid, or secured, they shall deduct from the certificate to be granted under the provisions of this act the amount of duty paid or secured to be *paid on goods so insured.*

And the said Commissioners shall cause three fair copies of such statement to be made and certified by themselves to be the true and correct results of their investigations; one of which copies they shall file with the Collector of the Customs for the district within which the fire occurred, another with the Naval Officer, District Attorney, Surveyor or other officer acting in the case, and the third, together with the testimony taken before the said Commission, they shall transmit to the Secretary of the Treasury, to be by him kept on file in his department.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, with as little delay as practicable, to examine the testimony taken before the said commission from time to time, as the same shall be returned to him; to compare the same with the said statement and adjudication of said commissioners, and to signify to them his approval or disapproval of the claim, in whole or in part, as he shall deem just; and as soon as said determination of the Secretary of the Treasury shall be made known to the said commissioners, if it be favorable to the claims, in whole or in part, they shall issue to each claimant, whose claim is so approved, a certificate signed by them, and stating the amount of duties which the claimant is entitled to have refunded or remitted to him according to the provisions of this act; which said certificate shall entitle the person or persons named therein, or the legal holder thereof, to be paid the sum also named therein, upon presentation of the said certificate at the Treasury of the United States, within one year from its date:

Provided, That no such certificate shall issue for the remission of duties that may have accrued upon any package of goods, wares or merchandise that may have been destroyed in whole or in part by fire, which may have been sold by the importer or importers, unless he or they, and the purchaser or purchasers, shall have previously identified said package and its contents, and proved the sale or sales, and purchase or purchases made thereof, such identification and proof to be confirmed by the oaths or affirmations of the parties; nor until the claimant or claimants shall have made an affidavit or deposition before the said commissioner or one of them setting forth in detail all the insurance against loss or damage by fire which shall have been effected upon said goods, or upon any part or parts thereof, and which shall have been in force at the time of the fire, together with the amounts received upon such insurance, and the balance (if any) remaining unpaid upon such insurance; nor until the claimant or claimants shall have given bond, with approved sureties, for double the amount of the duties to be refunded, which shall be conditioned for the repayment of the money mentioned in the said certificate, with legal interest thereon, to the United States, in case it shall afterwards appear that such refunding or remission should not have been made to him or them; or that the goods, upon which the duties were refunded or remitted, were or not destroyed by fire in unbroken and original packages, as alleged; or that the value thereof, or of any part of such value, beyond that which may have been deducted as directed by the third section of this act, shall have been received from the insurers, by virtue of any insurance against loss or damage by fire; nor shall the said certificate be issued to any claimant or claimants, (unless he be an executor or administrator,) until he or they shall have sworn or affirmed that the goods were so destroyed in unbroken packages.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That all cases where any article or package, as imported, shall have been damaged, or partially, and not entirely destroyed by fire, within either of the periods of time hereinbefore specified, the refunding or remission of duties on such article or package shall be in proportion to the damage or destruction by the said fire, as that proportion shall be ascertained and certified to the said commissioners by the appraisers for the port where the fire occurred; but this section shall not be so construed as to extend to any merchandise or property destroyed or damaged other than in the original and unbroken packages as imported.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That any willful false swearing or affirming before said Commissioners, or either of them, or in any affidavit or deposition taken before them or either of them, or submitted to them, shall be deemed and held to be willful perjury, and subject the person guilty of the offence, upon conviction before any court of competent jurisdiction, to the punishment prescribed by the laws of the United States for willful perjury; and if any person or persons shall knowingly or willingly procure any such perjury to be committed, every person or persons so offending shall be deemed guilty of subornation of perjury, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to the punishment prescribed by the laws of the United States for subornation of perjury.

And should any claimant or claimants be convicted, before any Court of competent jurisdiction, of willfully swearing or affirming falsely to any matter required by this act, or by any direction or requirements of the Secretary of the Treasury in pursuance of this act, to be proven or sworn to, he or they shall be liable to pay to the informer an amount of money equal to the sum specified in the certificates which shall have been granted to him or them, to be recovered in action to be brought by such informer in any Court of competent jurisdiction, besides being liable to the punishment prescribed by the laws of the United States for willful perjury: *Provided, however,* That neither of the Commissioners trying the case shall be entitled to the sum herein secured to the informer upon whose evidence or information the conviction may be made before a Court of competent jurisdiction.

Harbor Improvement Bill.

The following items are included in Senator SEWARD's amendment to the bill for the improvement of harbors:

For continuing the improvement of the harbor at Oswego, N. Y., on Lake Ontario, $21,000.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor at Sodus Bay, Wayne County, N. Y., on Lake Ontario, $16,000.

For continuing the improvement on the harbor of Sodus Bay, Wayne County, N. Y., on Lake Ontario, $16,000.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of Charlotte, at the mouth of the Genesee river, N. Y., on Lake Ontario, $24,000.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor at the mouth of Oak Orchard Lake, N. Y., on Lake Ontario, $14,500.

For current expenses of the steam dredge on Lake Ontario, $7,500

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of Buffalo, N. Y., Lake Erie, $32,000.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of Dunkirk, N. Y., Lake Erie, $20,000.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of Erie, Penn., on Lake Erie, $11,500.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of Conneaut, Ohio, on Lake Erie, $11,500.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor at Ashtabula, Ohio, on Lake Erie, $12,500.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of Fairport, Grand River, Ohio, on Lake Erie, $12,000.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of Cleveland, Ohio, on Lake Erie, $10,000.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor at the mouth of Black River, Ohio, on Lake Erie, $10,000.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of Huron, Ohio, on Lake Erie, $15,500.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of Sandusky City, Ohio, on Lake Erie, $20,500.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor (Monroe) at the mouth of the River Raisin, Mich., on Lake Erie, $10,000.

For current expenses of the steam dredge on Lake Erie, $7,500.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor at the mouth of the Clinton River, Mich., on Lake St. Clair, $5,000.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor (Grand Haven) at the mouth of Grand River, Mich., on Lake Michigan, $20,000.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of Black Rock, Mich., on Lake Michigan, $2,500.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of St. Joseph, Mich., on Lake Michigan, $12,000.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of New-Buffalo, Mich., on Lake Michigan, $10,000.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of Michigan City, Ind., on Lake Michigan, $19,000.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of Chicago, Ill., on Lake Michigan, $35,000.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of Waukegan, Ill., on Lake Michigan, $10,000.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of Kenosha, (formerly Southport,) Wis., on Lake Michigan, $5,000.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of Racine, Wis., on Lake Michigan, $11,000.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of Milwaukee, at the north cut, Wisconsin, on Lake Michigan, $17,500.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of Sheboygan, Wis., on Lake Michigan, $11,000.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of Manitowoc, Wis., on Lake Michigan, $11,500.

For the current expenses of steam dredge on Lake Michigan, $7,500.

For the repair and preservation of public property and contingencies of lake harbors, and for the commutation and transportation of baggage, and the quarters and fuel of officers in cases no longer provided for by the Quartermaster's department, and for allowances to meet extraordinary expenses and the special direction of the Secretary of War, $20,000.

GENERAL NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

Balloting for United States Senator in California.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 13.

By a private dispatch from New-Orleans, we have the result of the twenty-second ballot in the California Legislature for Senator. EDWARDS, (Whig,) 36; GWIN, (Democrat,) 37; MCCORKLE, (Democrat,) 13; BRODERICK, (Democrat,) 12; MCDOUGAL, (Democrat,) 5; NATHAN, supported by LATHAM, 4. The previous ballots were about the same. The Legislature is composed of 112 members.

U. S. Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 13.

No. 53. Wm. Short's executors et al. *vs.* The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Error to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Justice CAMPBELL delivered the opinion of the Court, affirming judgment, with costs.

No. 44. The United States, appellants, *vs.* Archibald A. Ritchie. Argument continued by Mr. BIBB for the appellee, and concluded by the Attorney-General for the appellants.

Senatorial Election in Pennsylvania.

HARRISBURG, Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The Legislature met to-day in Joint Convention for the election of United States Senator. Number of members present, 113; necessary to a choice, 66.

Cameron had	50	J. P. Jones	11
Buchalew	38	Scattering	14

On the second ballot CAMERON had 59; rest as before. A motion to postpone the election two weeks prevailed—67 to 64.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

HARRISBURG, Tuesday, Feb. 13.

A resolution passed both Houses this morning directing the appointment of a Select Committee to investigate whether corruption or bribery has been resorted to for effecting the election of a United States Senator from this State. There was only one negative vote in both Houses.

Ex-Governor Bigler Elected President of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company—Special Election for State Senator.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Ex-Governor BIGLER has been elected President of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad unanimously.

The special election to-day for State Senator in Philadelphia County, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. FOULKROD, Democrat, was conducted very quietly, and the returns received go to show that but a slim vote has been cast. It is believed that PRATT, the Know-Nothing candidate, is elected.

The Loss of the Bark Blythewood.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The captain and crew of the British bark *Blythewood,* before reported ashore, finally abandoned the vessel on Saturday last. Two of the masts were gone, and she had eight feet of water in her hold. The vessel and cargo will prove a total loss.

State Council of Know-Nothings.

SYRACUSE, Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The Grand Council of Know-Nothings for the State of New-York is now in session in Corinthian Hall. JAMES W. BARKER, of New-York, is presiding over some 1,700 delegates. DANIEL ULLMANN, G. A. SCROGGS, W. A. GOODWIN, and other noted members are present. Nothing relative to the proceedings can be learned.

From Paterson, N. J.

PATERSON, N. J., Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The City Council of Paterson have appointed Messrs. JOSEPH C. TODD and EDWARD G. FORD a Committee to attend the exhibition of the Steam Fire Engine about to be exhibited in New-York, from Cincinnati.

Non-Arrival of the Asia.

HALIFAX, Tuesday, Feb. 13—10 P. M.

There are no signs up to this hour of the steamship *Asia,* now due from Liverpool. The wind is North and the weather clear.

The Departure of the Africa.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The steamship *Africa* will leave here for Liverpool at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, and the mails close at 8 o'clock.

Arrival of the Southerner at Charleston.

CHARLESTON, Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The U. S. Mail steamship *Southerner,* Captain THOMAS EWEN, arrived here at 5 o'clock, from New-York, this (Tuesday) morning.

Burning in Effigy.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Speaker LITTLEJOHN was suspended in effigy on a cross, and burned in front of the Capitol last night; and Dr. THOMPSON was treated in the same style in front of the Journal office. Considerable excitement was occasioned by these scenes.

Arrival of the Southern Mail.

BALTIMORE, Tuesday, Feb. 13.

New-Orleans papers of Monday are received, but they contain no news. There are yet two mails due from there.

One Word for the Corporation and Two for Charity—A Reply to Mr. Cooper.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

We believe it to be a social axiom, that the private individual who publicly presents his opinions, or offers suggestions upon subjects of popular interest, not only *subjects* himself to candid criticism, but absolutely *invites* it.

Premising, therefore, that freedom of discussion is one of the inalienable rights of an American citizen—the one in fact, upon which our whole system of republican government is founded, and which makes the "*vox populi*" the "*vox legis*"—it may not be deemed censorious if we consider the practicability of carrying out certain suggestions of one of our most worthy and distinguished citizens, "to render it possible for the unfortunate and industrious poor to raise themselves by useful labor to competence, comfort and independence."

Any suggestions proceeding from so popular a source, must necessarily be received by the working class, whom they especially interest, not only with a great deal of favor, but with a species of blind infatuation as to their feasibility, which may create an undeserved dissatisfaction against our City Officers, who, upon proper consideration must find their practical development impossible. Our honorable Fathers have already sufficient of the weight of Atlas upon their shoulders, in looking after the interests of our modern Babylon, and we would exempt them from unmerited censure for not carrying out impracticable plans.

The special object of the published communication of the worthy and philanthropic gentleman is "to recommend a course that will furnish immediate and continued employment to thousands, in a work that will save millions to the future inhabitants of our city." We cannot here enter into a detailed explanation of the plan which he recommends to be pursued in order that this desirable end may be attained, but will confine ourselves to his general idea. He proposes that the city shall immediately purchase extensive marble quarries in its vicinity and employ all those who are now in distress from want of work in getting out stone for the wharves, which in future years, when the wood of which they are at present composed, shall have decayed, will have to be *rebuilt* in a more substantial manner.

In that beautiful theory of enlarged philanthropy, which endeavors to benefit the giver equally with the receiver, he has overlooked the impossibility of reconciling the discordant elements of practice and speculation; for if he had his attention drawn for a moment to the *practical* details necessary for the development of so extensive a scheme, he could not have failed to see its impracticability. Without discussing any of the major difficulties against its success, such as the impossibility of obtaining quarries in the middle of Winter, or of getting a law passed to enable the city to contract directly with the laborers, without the intervention of contractors, we will merely mention a minor one, which is, however, fatal to the whole scheme. The hammers, chisels, and other tools! where are they to be found for two thousand persons? They could not be furnished even if the order was given to-day to purchase all that could be found in the country for these two months; and by that time the chilly blasts of Winter will have passed away. And let us hope that the Spring sun, which brings warmth to the bodies of the poor, will also bring cheerfulness to their hearts and work to their hands.

No! most worthy Sir, while your suggestions show how earnestly you have thought of the misfortunes of your fellow creatures, and while your sympathy has brought you n

THE DUNGEONS OF THE REVOLUTION.

England is just now not only pinched by the emergencies of war, but her noblest sons are dying in the Crimea from casualties which are more frequently the doom of dogs than the fate of men. Hunger and cold revel in the British camp; disease and despair chant their victory in the howling storm, and those who expected to die like warriors on the walls of Sebastopol expire like beasts by the way side. And it really seems as if history would be called upon to give these poor fellows a portion of those playing tears which she has laved to shed over the terrible miseries that America endured at the hands of this same England. She is tasting now in some degree of that bitter cup which she held so long to our lips. The spectres of Valley Forge, the broken-spirited martyrs of the prison-ships, and the suffering patriots of the Sugar-House, again affright the world. But now it is not the beggar Lazarus, who laid famished and sore at the rich man's gate—not the humble Colonies who have borne their "evil things"—it is the proud man himself who cries—"Father Abraham, have mercy on me"—haughty and unfeeling England brought low.

Your readers may feel interested in a condensed narrative of those horrors to which our fathers were condemned in the Wallabout prison-ships, and the dungeons of New-York City.

As early as October, 1776, an old, dismantled ship, called the *Whitby*, was anchored in the Wallabout Bay (fronting the present Navy-Yard) as a safe prison for such sailors, American or otherwise, as the British cruisers might bring into New-York. Ships of this kind had been moored in the North River, and off the Battery; but the Bay was selected both by reason of its security and convenience. The crowded state of the *Whitby* rendered other vessels necessary, and in May, 1777, two more were provided, one being destroyed by fire, however, in October of the same year, and the other in February, 1778. Contagious diseases manifested themselves on board during this time, and it was deemed prudent to furnish three Hulks, called the *Scorpion*, *Hunter*, and *Strombole*, as hospital ships, to which numbers of the sick were removed at intervals. The old *Jersey*, whose name soon ran through the country, synonymous with cruelty and shame, appeared in 1780. Of her we shall speak in detail, as the most notorious of them all, and because her decks were trodden by starving heroes until the last hours of the Revolution.

The officers consisted of a captain and two mates, the crew of twelve sailors. She had a guard of twelve invalid marines, and some soldiers drawn from regiments quartered upon Long Island, and generally numbered thirty each.

The *Jersey*, or "Hell" as she was freely termed, was built as a ship of the line, and registered as carrying sixty-four guns, although she mounted seventy-four. Being unseaworthy at the commencement of the war, she was converted into a store-ship and finally fitted for a prison. The rudder was unhung and all her spars taken down, except a portion of her bowsprit, a derrick for hoisting supplies on board, and a flag-staff at the stern.

Her port holes were planked up, and two tiers of small apertures cut, each about two feet square and crossed at right angles by bars of iron. A temporary deck was constructed by laying spars from the quarter deck to the forecastle upon which the prisoners were allowed to walk most of the day. The Guard occupied in warm weather a tent upon the quarter deck; the officers of the ship a cabin under the deck, and the sailors a steerage adjoining. The officers entered the ship by an accommodation ladder on the starboard side, and all prisoners by another on the larboard, leading to a door of a barricade on the quarter deck, ten feet high. Food for the crew and Guards was prepared in the cooks' room, situated beneath the quarter deck.

The operation of cooking for the prisoners is thus described by one who lived to write the story of his woes.

"The cooking for the great mass of the prisoners was done under the forecastle, or as it was usually called the "galley," in a boiler or great copper, which was enclosed in brick work eight feet square; this copper was large enough to contain two or three hogsheads of water. It was made in a square form and divided into two separate compartments, by a partition. In one side of the copper the peas and oatmeal, for the prisoners, were boiled, which was done in fresh water. In the other side the meat was boiled. This side of the boiler was filled with salt water from alongside the ship, by which means the copper became soon corroded, and consequently poisonous, the fatal consequences of which are so obvious that I need not enlarge upon the subject.

"After the daily rations had been furnished to the different messes, the portion of each mess was designated by a tally fastened to it by a string. Being thus prepared, every ear was anxiously waiting for the summons of the cook's bell. As soon as this was heard to sound, the persons having charge of the different portions of food, thronged to the galley, and in a few minutes after hundreds of tallies were seen hanging over the side of the brickwork by their respective strings, each eagerly watched by some individual of the mess, who always waited to receive it. The meat was suffered thus to remain in the boiler ten a certain time, and when this had elapsed, the cook's bell was again rung, and the pittance of food must be immediately removed; whether sufficiently cooked or not, it could remain no longer. The portion of peas and oatmeal belonging to each mess were measured out from the copper after they were boiled."

The same prisoner again remarks: "Memory still brings before me those emaciated beings, moving from the galley with their wretched pittance of meat, each creeping to the spot where his mess were assembled, to divide it with a group of haggard and sickly creatures, their garments hanging around their meager limbs, and the hue of death upon their care-worn faces.

"By these it was consumed with their scanty remnants of bread, which was often mouldy and filled with worms; and even from this vile fare they would rise up in torments from the cravings of unsatisfied hunger and thirst."

A sutler sold such articles at exorbitant prices as the prisoners had money to buy, and an old woman named Dame Grant came to the ship on certain days with a boat-load of wares. Such of the prisoners as had been officers occupied the gun-room, between decks. At night all were driven below, the gratings closed, and no access allowed to the spar deck until daylight. There was no ventilation except by the port-holes and hatchways.

Imagine the scene during the night in the Summer of 1782, when one thousand prisoners were crowded into the *Jersey*. Around the decks, some ten feet from the sides of the ship, are the chests of the prisoners; in the middle hang a multitude of unclean hammocks, and quite aft, on the larboard side, are bunks filled with sick. The prisoners are offensive with filth and vermin; their garments in tatters, and their eyes wild with craving hunger. Young men stoop as if from age, and the old gasp for breath at the airports. Six of these wretched men live daily on the allowance of four in the British Navy; they have eaten raw salted meat, poisoned in the great copper; their bread has been the wormy refuse of the English men-of-war; their water has been unwholesome and thick with mud, or perhaps many of them have tasted nothing for twenty-four hours, as was frequently the case. They have been beaten by the brutal guard, insulted and mocked by the sailors, roasted in the sun, and are now to be stifled below.

The night deepens, and Pandemonium seems let loose. The miserable captives can hardly breathe in the dense atmosphere, and they fight like wolves for places at the gratings or ports; some pace the decks, frantic; fevers and the small-pox strike down new victims for the morning's burial, and the blasphemy is heard above the din, mingled with cries for water and for air. The candles of the prisoners will not burn in the confined vapor, and darkness is added to their other terrors. Flies and mosquitoes torment the sick, while fierce rats already nibble upon the dead. The names of mothers, fathers, wives and children, are shouted in delirium; the prisoners fall over one another as they roam the decks; they tear their hair, and their screams echo among the neighboring hills. The long hours of night do not exhaust them, and the same hum of moans which celebrated the setting sun greet the dawn.

When they are liberated at daybreak, they rush panting to the water butts, and some of them even watch their opportunity to steal the bran which the hogs have left uneaten. A gang of prisoners known as the "Working Party," then proceed to bring up the dead, who will number six or eight. If there are blankets and time to spare, they are sewed in them; if not, this formality is dispensed with, and the bodies are taken to the beach and deposited in a trench, some few inches deep, from which the water will soon wash them. Much of the ground now used for the Navy-yard was then the burial place. In 1782 the mortality was very great, and the hospital ships became so crowded that few were transferred from the *Jersey*, and days sometimes passed without the visit of a surgeon on board.

These things were enacted under the nose of the British commanders. WASHINGTON appealed to them with indignant eloquence to ameliorate the condition of their captives, both in the prison-ships and on shore; but they were deaf to his prayers.

A Scotchman named DAVID SPROAT was commissary of prisoners, and had charge of the ships, and with his clerk, ROBERT LENOX, is responsible to humanity for much of these cruelties. LENOX afterwards flourished in New-York as a princely merchant. * * * But few comparatively of the prisoners were liberated, as WASHINGTON did not deem it prudent to exchange soldiers for sailors, and unfortunately few of the latter fell into his power. At the peace all who remained were discharged. All the ships were sold except the *Jersey*, which was abandoned at her anchors. Her remains could be seen in the Bay until within a few years back.

Independent of the numbers confined in the prison ships, there were eight prisons filled to overflowing within the City of New-York. The "Hall of Records" in the Park was one of them, and then known as the "New Jail," or "Provost." At that period it was a gloomy, dirty looking building, with a cupola. It was built in 1757-8. The notorious WM. CUNNINGHAM was Provost Marshal, and had charge of it.

This villain was born in Dublin Barracks in 1753, and from early youth mingled in every description of wickedness, finally coming to New-York in 1774. "In that City," he says in a confession afterwards emanating from a London prison, "I used the profession of breaking horses, and teaching ladies and gentlemen to ride; but, rendering myself obnoxious to the citizens in their infant struggle for freedom, I was obliged to fly on board the *Asia* man-of-war, and from thence to Boston, where my opposition to the measures pursued by the Americans in support of their rights was the first thing which recommended me to Gen. GAGE; and when the war broke out, I was appointed Provost Marshal of the Royal Army, which placed me in a situation to wreak my vengeance on the Americans. I shudder to think of the murders I have been accessary to, both with and without orders from Government—especially while in New-York—during which time there were more than *two thousand prisoners starved in the different churches*, by stopping their rations, which I sold. There were also two hundred and seventy-five prisoners and other persons executed." After all his services, England at length hung her minion for forgery, on the Board of Ordnance, in London, August 10, 1791.

The Sugar House in Liberty-street was another den. This was also a stone edifice, being six stories high, each floor having two apartments. A yard ran round the building, and next the street was a fence ten feet high. Two sentinels occupied this yard, day and night.

Out of all the crowd who once tenanted the Sugar House only three survivors remain. Near by was the Middle Dutch Church, now the Post-Office—a third Prison. The North Dutch Church, still on the corner of Fulton and William-streets, had eight hundred prisoners, besides which, the new Bridewell in the Park, Columbia College and the City Hall in Wall-street, where the Custom-House now stands, had each a full complement. Dr. SEABINE's, (then Dr. ROGERS's) Brick Church, was first a prison then a hospital. Other hospitals were established in the Scotch Presbyterian Church in Cedar-street, a Quaker meeting-house in Liberty-street and a Presbyterian Church (afterwards Dr. PHILLIPS') in Wall-street. A French Church in Pine-street was a store-house. The Episcopal Churches and the German Lutheran in Frankfort-street were spared, the latter, out of respect to the Hessians.

These prisoners fared no better than those of the prison-ships. They suffered from cold in Winter and heat in Summer; they slept on the bare floors; their food was scanty and unwholesome; they were crowded together without reference to age or condition, *men of birth and education being herded in* some cases with British felons; their wives, children and friends were denied admittance to them, and death carried off twenty-five or thirty daily. "*No care was taken of the sick*," says an account, "*and if any died they were thrown at the door of the prison and lay there till next day, when they were drawn on a cart and drawn out to the entrenchments beyond the Jew's burial ground; where they were interred by their fellow prisoners conducted thither for that purpose. The dead were thrown into a hole promiscuously, without the usual rites of sepulture.*"

Reader, remember that all this occurred in New-York, and such was the measure of mercy which England displayed in other days.

Trinity Church has of late for her own mean ends, claimed that both the *martyrs* of the prison-ships and of the New-York prisons, were buried in the church-yard, and began the mockery of a monument. Now I defy proof that a bone was ever deposited there; certainly not from the prison-ships, for they were several miles away, and if the English left the bodies bleaching on the beach, they would not probably convey them to New-York; certainly not from the hospitals and prisons of the City, for the same tyrants who prayed in Trinity for the Royal cause, ordered the patriot dead carted to the outskirts, where they were tossed into pits.

These are historical truths, well known to the deacons of Trinity, and it is high time the public knew them also.

The number of prisoners who perished in the prison-ships is variously estimated; but there were, beyond a doubt, at least *ten thousand*. The district containing their bones passed into the possession of a Mr. JOHN JACKSON, and at length was bought by the Government for a Navy-Yard. In 1803, twenty hogsheads of bones were disinterred in progress of that work.

A petition presented to Congress, asking an appropriation to defray the expense of their reburial and the erection of a monument failed. A more successful effort was made in 1808 by the Tammany Society, and on the 26th of May in that year they were solemnly deposited in a vault, built for their reception, adjoining the Navy-Yard.

An English cabinet-maker, at Albany, named JOHN MEAD, constructed thirteen coffins, into which the bones were placed. A vast procession moved from the Park on the appointed day, the Corporation of New-York, and illustrious personages from every portion of the country joined in the obsequies. Each coffin bore the name of a State, and was in charge of a Tammanial tribe. One hundred and four revolutionary patriots acted as pall bearers. After parading through the chief streets it crossed the river to Brooklyn, at Corlears Hook, in small boats; the stream being a compact fleet of boats, nearly to the Battery. Upon arriving at the tomb a prayer was offered by Rev. RALPH WILLCOXSON; an oration delivered by Dr. BENJAMIN DEWITT; the coffins conveyed into the vault, and finally the corner-stone of a monument laid by the Grand Sachem of Tammany Society. Not less than thirty thousand persons united in the scene.

This vault is in Hudson-avenue, near York-street, where the bones have laid unhonored for nearly 47 years. Every attempt to procure money sufficient for a monument has proved fruitless. The tomb was taxed as private property, and sold in 1832 by the city of Brooklyn—ground, bones and all. It was purchased by Mr. BENJAMIN ROMAINE. It is a gore of land 30 by 60 feet. A stone-wall was built in front when Jackson-street (now Hudson-avenue) was opened, and a wooden fence at the top has been more recently erected. A small building, surmounting the vault at that period, was displaced for a structure which now exists. It is covered with inscriptions which originated in the eccentric brain of Mr. ROMAINE. Upon the front of the pedestal, sustaining a spread eagle, the following words are found, viz.: "In 1778 the Confederation proclaimed thirteen British Colonies—United States. E Pluribus Unum. In 1789 our grand National Convention ordained one entire Sovereignty, in strict adhesion to the equally sacred State Rights." Another inscription reads thus: "The Constitution of the United States consists of two parts—the Supreme Sovereignty and the unadulterated State Rights, one and indivisable; these have no parallel except the sacred Decalogue of Moses; our duties to God and man, one and indivisable." Another is in this form: "In the City of New-York, 1789, WASHINGTON began the first Presidential career. The wide-spread Eagle of Union waited the order—then instantly raised his flight in the Heavens, and, like the orb of day, speedily became visible to half the globe." Also the succeeding: "The Ante-Chamber of the Vault, in which will be arranged the Busts or other Portraits, insignia of the most distinguished military men and civilians of the Revolution. The Governors and Legislators of the Old Thirteen States will confer a great favor by their selecting and sending them to No. 21 Hudson-street, City of New-York." In 1808, after 20 years' neglect, the corner-stone of this tomb was laid by the present owner, as Grand Sachem of Tammany Society. In the same year, from the great collection of bleached bones of martyrs to our Independence, thirteen coffins were filled and interred in the tomb in great display of military and civic procession, from the City of New-York and Brooklyn. It was said that full fifteen thousand attendants, without distinction of party, were then present.

These singular inscriptions are taken *verbatim*. Mr. ROMAIN and a relative are entombed here. Several plaster of Paris busts have been arranged upon shelves in the interior; overhead is a large star of wood. On entering, you step upon a floor composed partly of a grating, through which the coffins are observable below. The whole structure is fast crumbling away. The ground seems to answer the twofold purpose of a common receptacle for refuse from the adjoining houses, and a swine-pen. This is sad treatment of those who, when starving, spurned the offered bribe of luxuries, to desert their country.

It has ever been the desire of our patriotic citizens that the bones now in Hudson-avenue should be transferred to some more fitting locality, where a monument could be erected over them. An organized body is now in existence, entitled "*An Association for removing the bones of eleven thousand five hundred Martyrs*," and the Corporation of Brooklyn have granted a plot of ground (not altogether suitable, in our humble opinion) for their deposit. The Society numbers a long list of public men among its members; but if the removal of the bones should depend alone upon its action, the prospect promises that those of most of our generation will whiten in the valley before such an event.

The prisoners themselves died believing that their bones would finally be gathered together and properly honored. One of them, speaking of the dead, in an address to his fellow-captives, uttered this prediction: "The time will come," said he, "when their bones will be collected—when their rites of sepulture will be performed, and a monument erected over the remains of those who have here suffered, the victims of barbarity, and died in vindication of the rights of man."

This is a paramount national duty—a high privilege, in which we all participate. We are not to erect some wayside monument, commemorative of human fame and talent; but we must bear to decent burial the bones of our fathers, and lift above them a chaste memorial, which may perpetuate the history of their martyrdom. J. ALEXANDER PATTEN.

BROOKLYN, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1855.

FROM IRELAND.

Politics—State of France and of England, Socially and at Home—Rumor of John Mitchel's Coming Afoot in Ireland.

Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times.

DUBLIN, Friday, Jan. 26, 1855.

The knowing ones were right. The Ministry, that were supposed to be merely shaking, are tottering, if not tumbled. There were, indeed, daily Cabinet councils with long sederunts, but these were merely for arranging and preparing for the explanations and defence that it was fully known would be called for, both in regard to the home administration of the War Office and its foreign management, as well as in reference to the financial operations intended by the Chancellor of the Exchequer for supplying the sinews of war.

But hardly had the Speaker taken the Chair, when ROEBUCK and half a dozen others gave notice—some of questions about one species of mismanagement, and some of another; and, worse still, for an address to the Crown on the mismanagement of the whole war proceedings. The same in the Lords—LYNDHURST and ELLENBOROUGH leading in the discussions there. And whether the prepared defences of the Cabinet were unsatisfactory, or whether NEWCASTLE and HERBERT were supposed indefensible, or whether his London constituents, echoing the voices from all parts of the country, were more potent than his Cabinet associates, Lord JOHN RUSSELL resigns. Instead of the Peelites going out, and PALMERSTON becoming the head of a reconstructed Cabinet, or Lord JOHN himself, the latter is out, and PALMERSTON in as yet.

However the Ministry may get on, or go out, or be reconstructed, certain it is that the reports that have come from the Crimea—all along from the commencement—of the condition of the troops, and the neglect and mismanagement that have mainly caused it—more and more distressing every day—place the War Minister and his colleagues in no enviable position before the country. It was not deemed surprising that there should have been confusion in the arrangements at first, and suffering and privation as the result, and leading even to awful mortality. But that the state of things should have become progressively worse,—so that the strongly painful and distressing pictures of the *Times'* correspondent should become more deeply colored every post—leading to more loud and unmitigated denunciation by the *Times* itself, in every publication, of all concerned—Ministers and their subordinates at home, commanders and their officials abroad, and all the intermediate employés, without exception,—is what the public was not prepared for, and what the nation will not stand.

Sieges and battles—the match of diplomatists trying to overreach one another in topics or expression—Cabinet dissensions and Parliamentary discussions—are all very well in their way; but we must look at the *quod ubique, semper, ab omnibus*, as the theologians say—matters everywhere, always, and to all interesting. The war and its mismanagement, and the disasters that have followed, do very well for a time to interest, especially those whose love of the horrible and calamitous could only be gratified with such details, as a substitute for the horrors of which they love to have a full supper. But even these must come to mere ordinary and pleasing concerns. How fare the people of the countries whose armies are in the field?—their religious, educational and material interests? And what the prospects in reference to that state of things to produce which all righteous wars are directed—the freedom, peace and happiness of mankind?

The people of France are indulging in complacency, on the prosperity of their empire, and the stability of its dynasty. The subscriptions to the State Loan rose to an almost fabulous amount, and being so universal, they have committed the nation, by implied representation, to the present order of things; at once, it is said, indicating national prosperity and satisfaction with what has caused it. NAPOLEON, it is triumphantly said,—the upstart, shallow-pated adventurer—the other day a special constable in London, and the inmate, in France, of a State Prison—whose invasion of France at the head of half a dozen ragamuffins, on a former occasion, made him looked on as about the most unfit, of all Frenchmen, to wield the sceptre over that mercurial and change-loving people,—is now the most popular and firmly-seated of continental sovereigns. And the superiority, in all respects, they add, of his military arrangements—at home and in the field, to those of his ally, and the part he has played in this war throughout, and is likely to play still more, ere it closes, should Prussia evoke hostilities—bids fair to make him the arbiter of the destinies of Europe.

There is not the same satisfaction in England with the Government and its management of the war, or the mode of providing the sinews of the war, as in France. The people in general are for a loan; the Chancellor has burdened them with an income tax wholly inadequate; and if there was want of foresight in providing the funds, all was improvident confusion in their administration. Making all allowances for the exaggerations of "Our Own Correspondents" unaccustomed to campaigning, and of dilettanti clerics and sentimental tourists, enough remains to stamp this Crimean expedition as one of the most disastrous in the annals of British warfare, while it has added fresh laurels to British daring. But people don't understand why such a slow and timid and pacific statesman as ABERDEEN should have been permitted to remain at the head of the administration, and such a brace of incompetents to keep the War Office as the Duke of NEWCASTLE and Mr. SIDNEY HERBERT; and such a narrow conceptioned, mentally contracted, miserably calculating financier as GLADSTONE, should have had the control of the national purse, till they have got matters into such a condition that nobody would take their places—merely because the Prince consort has an insuperable dislike to the man fitted for the time and emergency, that is PALMERSTON, for he is the public pet.

Here we have our own share of interest in the war,—in which so many of our countrymen are engaged, and have behaved gallantly, both officers and privates,—and in the rumored resignations of some cabinet ministers, and the perils of the whole, as any change would affect a good many,—especially those "patriots" who bartered popularity for place. But there are other subjects that occupy much of the public mind.

The "Appeal to Rome,"—which perils the good feeling between the Prelates and junior clergy, for the sake of securing to Messrs. LUCAS and DUFFY, and one or two others of the relics of the "Brigade," such a following, through public meetings, as may enable them to appear in Parliament as "somebodies." It is not, however, the "appeal,"—which LUCAS is now at Rome prosecuting,—regarding the success of which he writes to DUFFY encouragingly, and regarding which others write to the *Working Peat*, that he and his memorial have been all but kicked out of the Propaganda,—as an appeal that people look to. A memorial, against the junior clergy being prohibited from attending meetings of the people,—in defence of their rights as occupiers of the soil against the injustice and oppression of [illegible] and to [illegible] the [illegible] equally [illegible] [illegible] and neighbors [illegible] of a Parliament or Lord Lieutenant, will be treated respectfully. The Propaganda is too wise to offend those who are willing to go all lengths in defence of the highest claims ever put forth by the most towering pontiffs. Equally cautious will the propaganda be not to censure the conduct of the Bishops and Legate. The whole affair will be cushioned,—the Bishops will exercise their authority as heretofore,—only gagging some of the more impudentest during,—and the agitators will tell their own story to the public. But the effect will be,—unless "the priests in politics" have the tact of O'CONNELL, to lead the Bishops, and declare the most submissive reverence for their slightest mandate, when he was most trampling under foot their authority,—to exhibit the Bishops as sycophants to the Government, for the sake of the Maynooth endowments, in hopes of a charter for their University, and to secure that patronage which the "Castle Bishops" never failed to obtain,—while the priests will be the men of the people, and the "Independent Agitators" the men of the priests.

The National Education system is another subject of not a little anxiety at the present moment. Dr. WHATELY, both in a letter to the Lord Lieutenant, and in his evidence before the House of Lords Commission, has declared his conviction that since the Synod of Thurles there has been and is a conspiracy to make the National Board a propagandist institution for the Church of Rome, and says he has documents to prove it. His own secession, and that of ex-Chancellor BLACKBURN and Baron GREENE, on the ground of the exclusion of the Scripture lessons and other books, has been followed by a movement in the Presbyterian Church arising from the use of the school-rooms in some places, for purposes contrary to the principles of the Board. In some districts, where the children are all Roman Catholics, or few Protestants attend the schools, from the Protestant Clergyman having schools of his own, the priests insist, to use the expression of one of them, "on being the same in the school as out of it," conducting the religious instruction with the same ceremonial as in the chapel. That an institution, that has already wrought a wondrous moral change on Ireland, should either be broken up or become sectarian, would be nothing less than a national calamity. And of one or other there is imminent danger.

ALETHEIOLOGOS.

P. S.—A strange piece of news is now afloat—that JOHN MITCHEL has organized the nucleus of an Irish insurrection in the shape of "a Committee of Public Safety,"—that already branch clubs are being organized by agents sent across the Atlantic for that purpose. I don't know how true it is; but if anything of the kind is attempted, it will merely give occupation to the police, who are in danger of becoming inactive for the want of something to do, and enliven the assizes which are dull for want of criminal cases, and exhibit once more the rivalry of the pledged conspirators in betraying one another for the sake of the reward.

Gimletseye's Opinion.

OVER IN JERSEY.

With the thermometer ten degrees below zero, and the frost-flakes glistening on every nail head and bolt within my quiet cottage, while an extra fire of mountain hickory blazes away on the old iron andirons in the corner fire-place, I can't resist congratulating nor conceal my envy of your correspondent "Stone." He is now a great man and became so suddenly and I suppose unwittingly.

Mr. "Stone," how do you feel, and how did you find yourself a morning or two since, when you awoke and found all the suburbs awake before you? Didn't you think your pantaloons had shrunk to half their size during the night, and didn't your coat cut under the arms, and half the buttons fly off your waistcoat? It is dangerous to become suddenly great, for aside from the strain on the buttons, and a risk of splitting the unmentionables, there is great fear the doctors say, of an *overflow of bile*, or a rush of blood to the head. And then, what would all the little Stones do, and what would Mrs. Stone say? "Better by far, had my dear Stone gone quietly into the suburbs, and had a few chills, than to have drawn upon himself and myself, and our childrens' selves, this great calamity."

But I am persuaded, Mr. Stone, that you will survive it, for such temerity deserves it; and when you have selected a country residence "within an hour of New-York," from among the host that have been so disinterestedly recommended, it will be the height of meanness if they don't erect to your memory a stone more enduring than their *brass*.

But "Republics is ungrateful," and so are some peoples; but there is no fear but that Yorkville, Harlem, Bloomingdale, Morrisania, Yonkers, Fort Washington, Fort Hamilton, East Brooklyn and Orange, will do the agreeable, for in none of them was a chill ever known. Doctors and Sextons have nothing to do but erect monuments and mounds—and in the latter place, so far from your ever being troubled with ague, there is a great prospect that you may live to be as old as the "Wandering Jew," and will have to change your residence to an *ague district* when you want to cease to be Mr. Stone.

But, my dear Stone, why *are* you so afraid of a few chills? They don't kill folks here in the country, although the Coroner of Brooklyn says they, or homeopathy does there. We don't mind them much, for we know that when we have chills about, we don't have anything else! And then, bless you, how they make the children grow! Why, my little Gimlet-eyes are stalwart boys of their age; and they never grew rapidly till they had had two or three chills! I have no "lots" to sell, and no "axes to grind," but I believe you are the right sort of man, and I would like to have you for a neighbor. Come out here on the Wankchung, and if my little plot pleases you, you shall have enough "free gratis and for nothing," for a house and garden, on the highest part of my farm—from which you can see Trinity Church steeple and *The Elephant*, at any time without a glass. *Do* come; and if you get the ague, "you won't mind it much," and it shan't cost you anything for a cure, for "my little wife," not believing in doctors, and "calomy," and "Quesanan," and 'pothecary's stuff, has studied out a cure that never fails more than once. She says calomy and Quesanan are apt to get into the bones and stay there, but her remedy never does any harm, and is only a little disagreeable. I know she wont like it in me to publish it in the TIMES, and I wouldn't do it, only to induce you, Mr. Stone, to come out here with Mrs. Stone and all the little Stones, and be my neighbor.

When the chill is about coming on, she applies a large poultice of pounded onions to the calves of the legs, covered over thickly with gun-powder, and puts the patient between blankets. If it don't stop the chill, the next day there is more powder added to the face on the poultice, and a goose-quill fuse is carefully inserted under it, after wrapping it snugly around the limbs. If she finds the chill determined to come on, she touches off the fuse, and a great fizzing of wet gunpowder and onions takes place, of course, with a strong smell of ——. But what of that? Nobody but the ague is hurt; and by the time the fogs is fumigated out of the house the chill is now out.

Now do come, Mr. Stone, over here; and after all I have said, I am sure you will find among none of the places above, a spot as fine, nor a heart as true, as your friend

WAUKEHERE. VOCIFEROUS GIMLETEYE.

P. S.—It is arrant nonsense for any of the places named by your suburban correspondent, to talk of competition from transitory fever. It has been the disease in New-York and out of it since the cholera season of 1849; and some days spending experiences will change to gale-day it. But then it is not dangerous; and a residence of a year or two quite manages and by acclimation; and so long as they have it, and the Mgt cools too, in the City, I see no force in Stone's objection to the country.

V. G.

Heating Railroad Cars.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

For the past two months it has fallen to my unfortunate lot to travel most of the time by railroad, and so frozen out have I been that it is a marvel there is energy enough left in me to give utterance to this faint complaint, and what seems to me to be an easy and effectual remedy. I allude to the very inadequate means now employed to warm those long boxes on wheels called by courtesy "Railroad Cars."

It is a generally conceded *fact*, which the Grad grinds and their disciples will not dispute, that the stoves placed in the cars have a very uncomfortable way of their own in successfully roasting those who are in close proximity to them—say within two benches—and displaying a "freezing indifference" to all and every body else more distantly located; besides they are the recognized receptacle for all stray pieces of orange peel and apple parings, and are in the habit of receiving a constant supply of tobacco juice, squirted with unerring precision by a host of aspiring and indefatigable lovers of the weed. This *melange*, you are aware, creates a perfume at war with all the most popular of "Lubin's Extracts," and, to speak truthfully, is *decidedly disagreeable*. Now, I propose to do away with all this and substitute steam, conducted through iron pipes running up and down on either side of the car, arranged upon the same principle we see in every day use at our hotels, &c.; the engine would, of course, supply the *material*, and the connections between the cars could be very easily made by india rubber or gutta-percha tubes. The plan has this to recommend it: comfort, economy in fuel and space, and ease and efficiency of application, and I trust the management of Railroads will take the hint and receive the blessings of the shivering traveling public. L. G.

Hole-in-the-Day Arrived—An Indian Brave in Town.

From the Pittsburg Gazette, Jan. 12.

PAH-GO-WAH-SHE-SHE, OR HOLE-IN-THE-DAY, the most daring war chieftain of the entire Chippewa Nation, arrived in the city on Saturday, he having been detained at Cleveland by sickness. His companions, CROSSING-SKY, BAD-BOY, SWIFT-SAILOR, CROW-FEATHER, and DYING-ECHO arrived here on Friday as we before announced. This is HOLE-IN-THE-DAY's first visit to the Pale Face regions, and he seen much that is wonderful in his eyes. He is finely dressed, and is a splendid specimen of his race. His long black hair is plaited in two braids, and his head is bare, as if to invite the scalping-knife of any Sioux who may venture to apply it. HOLE-IN-THE-DAY is said to be a very intelligent man, but he possesses all the haughtiness, taciturnity and revengefulness of his race. He crossed over alone in the Sioux country a year and a half ago, and lay upon the trail of a party of his enemies until he had secured a scalp, and then swam the Mississippi, and returned in triumph. Several feats of this kind prove HOLE-IN-THE-DAY to be a smart Indian. He is the son of a distinguished chief of the same name, who died about eight years ago. His age is about twenty-nine years—his height five feet ten inches, weight about one hundred and sixty pounds.

When he arrived at St. Paul, Min., on his present journey, he stopped at one of the hotels, and a number of the Sioux braves (his mortal and sworn enemies) armed, congregated in front of the hotel; he sent out to have inquiry made what they desired in thus congregating. The answer was that they wished to look upon the renowned chiefs of the Chippewas. He said if that were all they should be gratified, and accordingly he went to the balcony, when his savage enemies gazed long and earnestly upon him. He then sent word that if there were any chiefs who wished to see him, he should be happy to receive them in his room. Five came forward, left their arms in the hall of the hotel and paid a visit to him. Though they could not converse they smoked the pipe of peace, and after a brief visit took their departure. Governor GORMAN, anticipating disturbance, had the Sioux removed eight miles from the city. HOLE-IN-THE-DAY goes to Washington by an invitation to confer with the Government in regard to disposing of a large body of land which immediately surrounds the head waters of the Mississippi River.

NEW BUSINESS FOR THE CAPTAIN OF A REVENUE CUTTER.—A circumstance of quite a novel character occurred at Seattle, Washington Territory, during the November term of the territorial court, Chief Justice LANDER presiding. Three white citizens had been indicted by Grand Jury for the murder of an Indian. One had been tried and acquitted; the second was placed upon trial, when the Attorney for the Commonwealth was taken suddenly ill, and the Court adjourned. It was supposed the prisoner would be discharged, as all the lawyers in the town were engaged for the defence. During the night the revenue cutter *Jefferson Davis*, Capt. W. C. PEASE, came into the harbor and anchored. The continued illness of the prosecuting Attorney induced the Judge to send for the Captain of the cutter, who was informed that he had been assigned to represent the Territory in the present trial, and was asked if he would accept the appointment. The modest Captain replied that, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, if the Court would allow him until the following day at 10 o'clock, he would examine into the matter, and come into Court and perform the duty assigned him to the best of his ability. At this time, Col. WALLACE, the head of the bar in the Territory, and senior counsel for the defence, moved to the Court that a Committee be appointed to examine Capt. PEASE, with a view to his admission to the bar, as Attorney and Counsellor at this Court. The young Captain who was previously known to the Court, and different members of the bar, reluctantly submitted to an examination, and the next day, when he made his appearance in Court, Col. WALLACE instantly arose and made the motion for admission, and the Captain was sworn as Counsellor at Law. When the third prisoner was brought to trial, the prosecuting Attorney had recovered and managed the case himself. The Captain of the cutter was offered a large sum to defend him, but refused, on the ground that men learned in the law were present, and ready to attend to his case. [*Washington Star.*

ACCIDENT TO THE STEAMER CHIEF JUSTICE.—We are sorry to learn that a very serious accident has happened to that old favorite of the public, the *Chief Justice*. The *Zimmerman* and *Chief Justice* were on Tuesday frozen up at Niagara, but by great exertion the *Chief* was cut out, and she left for the Humber at about noon with forty passengers on board. Their was a good deal of floating ice on the lake, and some difficulty was experienced on the voyage, but about 7 o'clock the vessel approached the land. The weather was hazy, and the snow falling heavily, with a strong wind, the harbor was missed, and the vessel went ashore about two and a half miles west of the Humber, on Van Every's Point. The stern was in deep water, and the bows in about four and a half feet; efforts were made to get her off, but it was found she was fast, and must lie there till assistance could be procured. Fortunately, there was little sea running, and the hull of the vessel being very strong, the passengers remained on board, in little danger, but, as may be imagined, in miserable plight. In the morning, three attempts were made to get a line on shore by the steamer's boats, the last of which was successful, and the passengers were all finally landed, with their baggage. It is said that some apprehensions are entertained that the vessel cannot be got off, but we hope they will prove groundless. She is owned by Captain DICK and Mr. HENDS, of Niagara, and is not insured. Value about $16,000. She had about twelve tons of goods on board, which are supposed to be uninjured.—*Toronto Globe, Feb. 8.*

THE SUCCESSOR OF PROF. LONGFELLOW.—The friends of Harvard College will be rejoiced to learn that JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL, the poet, has been elected to succeed Prof. LONGFELLOW in that institution, as Professor of Modern Languages and Belles-Lettres. There were five applicants for the place, but Mr. LOWELL was not one of them, and his nomination was made without his knowledge. We are happy to learn that he will accept the appointment, but before entering upon its duties he will spend a year abroad, in Germany and Spain. He will leave here in May; but before going abroad he will repeat, at the West, the lectures on English Poetry he has just delivered before the Lowell Institute at Boston.—*Tribune, 13th.*

NEW-YORK CITY.

CITY PAUPERS.

The New Commission.

A regular weekly meeting of the Commission of the Almshouse was held yesterday afternoon.

Mr. HERRICK was present, after an absence of several weeks.

It having been announced to the Board that a person had been committed to the Believed Hospital by Police Justice Pleasant, the question was raised whether Police Justices have the power to commit to Believed Hospital? A general conversation ensued thereon among the Governors, and it was asserted that Police Justices had the power to commit to that institution in case of accidents. Commitments had been made in other cases on the assumption that Believed Hospital was a branch of the Almshouse.

Governor DUER thought there had been no great abuse of the power, but believed it would be well to identify into the facts of the case under consideration, and therefore offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Warden of Believed Hospital report the circumstances under which JAMES BRENNAN, committed by Justice Pleasant, was received into that institution on the 10th inst.; the nature of his disease—whether the result of accident or otherwise, and how many such cases have been made by Police Justices during the past year.

Gift Enterprises.

Dr. WARD, from the Committee to whom was referred the subject relating to "gift enterprises," offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Out-Door Poor have authority to prosecute or settle the various suits commenced by this Department against persons concerned in gift enterprises and lotteries.

STATEMENT OF INSTITUTIONALS.

The reply to the question of the Senate Committee for information relative to the number of persons committed to the different City institutions for intemperance, directly or indirectly, was next called up, and, after some debate, on motion of Governor WEBB, the reports of the different Wardens on the subject were ordered to be transmitted without delay to Albany, and the President and Secretary of the Board were empowered to append thereto such remarks as they deemed proper.

Some of the Wardens' reports are not yet complete, but we cannot, that made by Warden KEATE, of the Penitentiary, which gives in the male the equal and subsequent of the other reports:

PENITENTIARY, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND, Feb. 12, 1855.

GENTLEMEN: In answer to your resolution of Jan. 29, on the subject of intemperance, I respectfully state that there were committed to this institution during the year 1854:

Males from Court	943
Females from Court	142
Total	1,085

Out of which 240 were committed from one, two, and three, and, in my opinion, a very large majority of the whole number were committed for intemperance.

Male vagrants	2,668
Female vagrants	2,028
Total	4,696

Out of which 1,668 were committed from one, two, and six, seven, and eight times. And I can safely say that the intemperate was the primary cause of the commitment of the above number of vagrants.

We find it very difficult to keep a strictly correct account of the number of commitments, and the reason is very obvious, that terms of commitment varying from thirty days to six months, and almost every time by assumed names, and not designed as to daily recognition; and a large number staying only a few days in prison, they will operate to keep no record, and others, when they go in the course of the year, and about every time by a different name.

I respectfully suggest that a more correct account may be arrived at, by taking the history of every person committed at the disposal department of the City Prison. The very same individuals that pass now through the institutions of the Warden of the City Prison, and the Warden of the Penitentiary, and from me to the Warden of the Workhouse, thereby counting them two and three times over. Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOSEPH KEEN, Warden.

To the Governors of the Almshouse.

The weekly requisitions give 7,095 as the number of inmates remaining in the different institutions under charge of the Governors.

A Case of Assault—The Police.

REBY MUNROE, and his wife, a modest, pleasing looking young woman, appeared at the Mayor's Office yesterday, to prefer a complaint for assault and battery. The complainant presented the appearance of having been badly beaten. He stated that he is Captain of the barge *Anthracite*, of Rondout, plying between Kingston and this City, and now lying at the foot of Hubert-street. That on Monday evening, while in a German grocery store in Hubert-street, one door from West-street, where he had gone in to get a drink, an altercation took place between Capt. PALMER and another man, who threatened to fight, which complainant endeavored to prevent, when a man named SMITH struck complainant and knocked him down, cutting him on the face and bruising severely. An officer named MONEYPENNY, who had been playing dominoes, got on his badge, and calling him (MUNROE) a d—n son of a b—h, assaulted him, but another officer interfered, and said that he would take him to the station-house,—but when they had proceeded about two blocks, the officer said: "Well, Bob, as you have a good situation, I'll let you go." He then returned to the barge, and his wife came with him, and they went back to said porter-house. His wife asked MONEYPENNY if he was an officer, and he said "Yes,"—the said MONEYPENNY was at the time apparently engaged in playing dominoes,—he came to the door and told complainant's wife that he would again arrest her husband, and denied all knowledge of who beat her husband, but charged that MUNROE was armed with a hammer. He said that MONEYPENNY and two other unknown men seized upon him and strangled him till he became insensible. Complainant appealed to Officer BULLER, to protect him, and while being taken to the station-house, MONEYPENNY again seized complainant by the throat, and swore that he would do for him. He was locked up in the Tombs all night, and discharged, as MONEYPENNY did not appear against him. He prays that justice may be done him.

New-York Sketch Club.

The regular semi-annual reminiscences of the members of the Sketch Club took place on Saturday evening at the studio of CAFFERTY, the artist, corner of Broadway and Houston-street. The severity of the weather prevented the usual full attendance, though the company was numerous. The host of the evening was JOONS, the sculptor, an artist of whom America is proud, and who is rapidly rising into eminence in his profession. The usual quota of sketches was finished. Among those which were most admired were those of Messrs. RANSON, WETHERBEE, CAFFERTY, MCLENNAN, HOLT CLEARWORK, MR. GERAUDORE and Miss KYLE. MCLENNAN's contribution was in his usual humorous vein. It was entitled "The First Sketch," and represents a naked drawing with a piece of chalk on a stone like the male figure of a man. It is true to life. Mr. COYLE, of Michigan, read a parody on Poe's "Raven," suggested by finding late one evening, when your scribe, in returning to his office, three men with that bird, placed there unknown to him by Mr. JOONS. Appropriate speeches were made by the poets, ANGOSTINI DUGANNE and W. W. FOSTER, added to which was the usual number of speeches, songs, stories, &c., by literary gentlemen and artists present.

School Reminiscences.

The regular semi-annual examinations of the Public Schools by the City Superintendent and assistants are now taking place. Yesterday was the examination of Ward School No. 15, the male department of which is under the management of N. P. BISHOP, who has been for some months training his pupils in the department of writing on the new plan of Handwriting. The results are gratifying. Every improvement in the art of penning writing has been carefully noted for. The fact is, we believe, that there is a backsliding at school from what is taught in after life. The [illegible]

[illegible] without a letter heard, although it looks well enough on paper, which is the only point for admiration to which it is usually addressed, is wholly wanting in that element of all handiwork which, more than any other, characterizes business writing.

The Newsboys' Concert.

The City Newsboys are to have their grand concert at the Broadway Tabernacle this evening. They ask a fair share of the patronage of the curious public, as they sing, not for others, but for their own benefit. In all the charitable distributions, they, and their Lodging-house, have been passed over; and the Newsboy is too wide-awake to be laid quietly upon the shelf. Give him a call. The singers are to be the Boys, Mr. GEORGIANA STUART, Mr. COLBURN, Mr. NASH, and sundry amateurs; the chorusses by the Tabernacle Choir, under Mr. GEORGE ANDREWS.

The "Shoulder Sticters" and Mayor Wood.

The Mayor intends sending the subjoined draft of an Act to the Legislature for its action:

An Act entitled an Act to prevent prize fights and fights among game cocks.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of New-York, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1.—Every person who shall act as first, or investigate, or move, or carry on, or promote, or engage in or witness, (unless as witnessing for the purposes of justice, first given by any Magistrate of the country,) or do any act towards the furtherance of any premeditated fight, or contention between persons with their fists, commonly called prize fights, or any fight fight between game cocks, dogs, bulls, bears, or between dogs and rats, or dogs and badgers, that shall have been premeditated by any person having custody of such animals, shall be liable to arrest and punishment for so doing; and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in a county jail for a term not exceeding one year, or by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. Upon complaint made under oath before any magistrate having power to take cognizance of a criminal nature, that an offence within any of the specifications of Section 1, is about to be committed, and setting forth in such complaint the grounds thereof, such magistrate shall in his discretion be empowered to issue a warrant to any officer of the county having power to execute a warrant, reciting therein the name of the complainant and his residence, and the substance of his complaint, and therein directing such officer to proceed and prevent the said prize fight among animals, as mentioned in Section first of this act, by arresting any person or persons, when he may find engaged in any overt act towards any such prize fight, or any such fight among animals; for which he may call in such other aid as may be necessary. Such officer having such warrant shall have authority thereby to use all the civil power of arrest of the county, and upon any arrest or arrests being made in pursuance of this section, the person or persons so arrested shall be taken before the magistrate so having issued the warrant, and in the said magistrate's discretion, may be then and there committed to enter into a bond, in the sum of $1,000, to the People of the State of New-York, conditioned that he will not within the space of one year next succeeding the date of said bond, offend against any of the provisions of this act. The said bond, after being taken to be forwarded to the District Attorney of the county, and be by him retained for the year, and prosecuted for breaches in any of the courts of this state, if any shall have been committed.

Relief for the Poor.

The following communication was received yesterday by the Mayor:

To Hon. Fernando Wood, Mayor of the City of New-York.

DEAR SIR: On Saturday, the 10th inst., the undersigned Minister, President and Board of Trustees of the Hebrew Congregation, "Anshe Chesed," took up a collection among the members of their congregation at their Synagogue, in Norfolk-street, for the benefit of the poor in the Seventeenth Ward, the ward in which we beg to hand you in the enclosed check for "One Hundred Dollars," and respectfully request you to cause the same to be transmitted to Mr. J. A. RAYNER, President of the Seventeenth Ward Relief Committee, which is in session every evening at No. 49 Avenue A.

We have the honor to subscribe ourselves, very respectfully, your obedient servants,

DR. M. JECHIEL KALISCH, Rabbi.
HENRY MOSES, President.
N. ROSSMAN, Treasurer.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 12, 1855.

The following letter was sent by the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, TUESDAY, Feb. 13, 1855.

JAS. BROWN, Esq., *President of the Society for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor:*

DEAR SIR—I beg to caution you $150, received this morning from Mr. Lawrence DELMONICO, which he declares should be distributed to the poor in the First Ward of this City. Very respectfully,

FERNANDO WOOD, Mayor.

More Hock Auctions—Be Careful.

WM. BRADBURY, of Groton, Mass., who follows the sea, and arrived yesterday from Philadelphia, complained at the Mayor's office that he was defrauded at a mock auction store, No. 122 Broadway, kept by a "shark" named SHRIVER, out of $45 for a worthless watch. Sergeant BROWN went to the place, and recovered the money.

☞ General HOUSTON has accepted an invitation to lecture before the New-England Young Men's Association. He will arrive here on Monday and be serenaded at night. He will also lecture on Texas and Slavery in Boston, by invitation. On his return to New-York he will speak for his Baptist friends.

☞ An address will be delivered by C. L. BRACE, Secretary of Children's Aid Society, upon the "Ragged Schools of England," at the Church of the Puritans, (Rev. Dr. CHEEVER's,) Union-square, at 7½ o'clock on Sunday evening, the 18th instant.

Mayor's Black Book.

The number of complaints entered on His Hon.'s Journal yesterday was quite formidable.

H. J. Hayward complains of the occupants of No. 25 Delancy-street, for placing a stove-pipe out of the attic gable end window, to the great danger of the neighborhood.

Dr. Edward B. Dixon—That the Military Marshal at No. 42 Fulton-street endeavors to collect fines from persons over age and others who are not citizens and who are not liable to military duty, and calls upon the Mayor to protect citizens from this abuse.

Mr. Lampion, No. 6 Henry-street—That the occupants of the upper part of the said house are in the habit of throwing filth, &c., on the walk attached to said premises.

Dr. Demisk, No. 96 Clinton-place—That the ash carts are seldom through that neighborhood, consequently such accumulate in great heaps.

D. E. Gerlin—That the proprietors of store in Courtlandt-street, No. 47, up stairs, occupy the sidewalk as packing yard, and continually obstruct the same with their wares.

William Bailey, No. 10 Washington-place, that the coal-hole coverings in front of Wallack's Theatre are very dangerous—they being raised up from the sidewalk some six inches, and the complainant having fallen over the same and injured himself severely.

The residents of Great Jones-street complain that said street from Lafayette-place to the Bowery, is constantly encumbered with bales of hay, old carts, lumber, &c., and pray that the street and sidewalks may be kept clear.

2d Lane, that Union Park, and also the sidewalks of Stuyvesant Park, are still covered with snow and ice.

John Stiles, No. 126 Mott-street, that the ash-boxes at No. 126 Mott-street are not called for regularly, and consequently that a large heap is now piled up on the sidewalk.

J. Jones, No. 327 Monroe-street, that the following vehicles obstruct the street and sidewalk opposite No. 170 Madison-street: Five wagons of Mr. Tall, Nos. 2,002, 2,007, 2,004, 2,271, 1,808, which are allowed to remain out all night and all day on Sunday, encumbering fifth street the premises.

Francis F. Fowler, an officer attached to the emigrant depot, complains that Louis Brunet and Godfried Gerckman, two German transits, went on board the ship New-York on her arrival from Havre with passages, on the 12th inst., for the purpose of intimidating parties to go to the Emigrant Boarding-houses No. 103 Chambers-street and No. 64 Greenwich-street, for the purpose of taking board, contrary to the laws made and provided.

Hitch Ferguson, formerly living in Brooklyn, now residing at No. 29 Washington-street, in this City, complains that her husband, James Ferguson, while intoxicated, removed and sold all her household furniture, and left her destitute of even a bed or covering. These goods were sold to James McCann, who keeps a junk shop on the corner of Water and West-streets.

McCann was sent for, and denied to return the bedding, &c.

J. H. Hunt, that the street gas lamp not lighted away in front of house number 113 Sullivan-street.

E. M. Green, that the lamps in Seventy-ninth-street, between Third and Fifth avenues, have not been lighted for a week past.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

COURT CALENDAR—WEDNESDAY.

U. S. District Court—Nos. 43, 12, 40, 41, 42, 44.

Superior Court—Motions: Nos. 17 to 20, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 48, 49, 47 to 50, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19.

Common Pleas—Motions: Nos. 1212, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1217, 1218, 1219, 1220, 1221, 1222, 1223, 1224, 1225, 1226, 1227, 1228, 1229, 1230, 1231, 1232, 1233, 1234, 1235, 1236, 1237, 1238, 1239, 1240, 1241, 1242, 1243, 1244, 1245, 1246, 1247, 1248, 1249, 1250, 1251,

New-York Daily Times.

NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14, 1855.

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We Cannot Undertake

Communications which require no attention. All communications to state facts must be authenticated by the name of the writer, not for publication, but as a guarantee of the good faith of the writer. We cannot undertake to return communications that may be unfit for insertion. Communications containing important news from any quarter of the world, is solicited. If used, it will be liberally paid for.

Congressional.

The credentials of Mr. SEWARD as Senator from New-York for six years from the 4th of March next, were read and placed on file in the Senate yesterday. The House bill for establishing a line of subterranean telegraph to the Pacific, merely granting a right of way, was passed, and a number of other bills were appropriately referred.

In the House, business pertaining to the Navy was under consideration. A bill providing for more efficient discipline was passed. A synopsis may be found in our Congressional report this morning. The bill authorizing the construction of seven steam Sloops-of-War was discussed at considerable length, but without concluding the subject the House adjourned.

Party Reminiscences.

Our Albany letter this morning, on the Senate proceedings of yesterday, is unusually prolific in political reminiscences of some things that occurred at the Capital in 1841 and 1846. The actors were all distinguished members of the Whig party, as then constituted. The recent speeches of Senators BADGER and A. B. DICKINSON have elicited letters of explanation from Mr. FILLMORE and Mr. HIRAM KETCHUM, which were read to the Senator yesterday by Mr. B., and will, of course, also be read with much interest in our report. The end, we presume, is not yet. The general issue is of no very great public importance at the present time, but involves something like a question of veracity or fidelity of recollection, between certain distinguished characters, that may lead to further discussion.

The Press and the Press.

The newspaper Press of London, having gradually taken a position and obtained an influence which occasionally places it in antagonism, almost in superiority, over the actual Executive, is decidedly out of favor with the Aristocracy, and what CARLYLE calls the Parliamentary of the British Empire. On every feasible occasion, in season or out of season, with or without cause, we find

"Some tenth transmitter of a foolish face"

rising in Parliament and leveling an attack at the Press. Sometimes, if a newspaper, having reported a noble Lord's attempt at oratory, (greatly improving what was attempted to be said,) should draw attention to its variance with facts, or its failure in argument, the hereditary legislator rises to complain that he has been insulted, injured or misrepresented, and incontinently denounces the editor,—sometimes concluding by moving that the printer shall be brought to the bar of the House, to be reprimanded by the Lord Chancelor! Such exhibitions of plenetic humor and puny power are less frequent than they used to be, but still are occasionally made.

The Earl of WINCHILSEA, a Peer now far advanced in life, (who fought a duel in 1829 with the Duke of WELLINGTON, because his Grace would not submit to be denounced by the noble Earl as a renegade and traitor, when Catholic Emancipation *was on the tapis*,) cannot be accused of having gained wisdom with years. He is as absurd, as intolerant as he ever was—a little more so, perhaps. In 1850, he made the remarkable discovery that WELLINGTON intended to break down the Protestant Constitution of England—Church, State and sinecures—and to ascend the throne as King ARTHUR II. And in 1855 he has become fascinated with the idea that England's glory as a nation was in imminent peril—not because of the unfortunate situation of her military affairs in the Crimea, but because the too faithful historian of the Eastern War, the Correspondent of the London *Times* newspaper, had *almost* got a free passage to the Crimea in one of the British ships, and actually had been supplied with rations, the same as are meted out to each private soldier!

We are not, and need not be, the apologists of the London *Times*. That journal is well able to defend itself. It has spoken out with great fearlessness on the subject of the mismanagement of military affairs in the East;—it has been condemned for having published such plain statements. But, whether there was or was not an improper motive in such publication, the main truth of the statement was admitted and deplored, even by Lord JOHN RUSSELL in that remarkable speech, (which we published on Saturday,) explanatory of the causes of his resigning office. Lord WINCHILSEA must have been fully aware of this—but the London *Times* has laughed at him on various occasions during the last thirty years, and, *therefore*, his lordship attempted to return the favor now.

The Earl's speech was a vigorous one—as far as voice went. In his youth, when he was remarkable for the strength of his lungs, he was called "Roaring Hotham," and he is *said to have spoken so loudly on this occasion*, that passers-by, outside the House of Lords, distinctly heard his vociferation. From such a man pettiness of conduct was to be expected, but the Duke of NEWCASTLE, hitherto believed to be a man of good sense and liberality,—one of PEEL's sucking politicians,—displayed almost equal want of liberality. "Yes," said he, apologetically, "a free passage was granted to the *Times* correspondent, and that gentleman was actually on board, when the Government, applied of the fact, peremptorily ordered his calling in that vessel. True, also, that he was supplied with rations in the Crimea, but that, also, is untrue, and the gentleman will be left to his own resources."

Here is an insult to the British Press by one of the British Ministry. *Why* should a newspaper writer be treated with contumely like this? Why, after being actually on board, should he be turned out of the ship? Why should so much be said about the miserable rations? The price of the passage would be some £50. The value of the rations may be a shilling a day. What are these petty charges to a journal expending thousands in obtaining intelligence, and usually anticipating the Government itself in procuring it?

The fact is, the Duke of NEWCASTLE, albeit some shades more liberal in general politics than "roaring" WINCHILSEA, fully goes with him in cherishing a dread of the newspaper press. Queen, Lords and Commons may nominally form the Three Estates of the realm in England, but there has sprung up a power greater than any or all of these,—a power of the Press, which, whether it lead or follow public opinion, is greatly feared by the Executive,—a power which, during the last five and thirty years particularly, has been steadily assailing Aristocracy.

Whether WINCHILSEA or NEWCASTLE be the mouthpiece of this hostile and falling Oligarchy, the feeling is one and the same. The Press has made itself felt, and the result is sometimes exhibited, as in this case, sufficiently to show the soreness which exists. The gentleman spoken so angrily of by WINCHILSEA, and so slightingly of by NEWCASTLE, is as much superior, we doubt not, to either or both of them as (in their own opinion) they are to the mass of uncoronetted mortals. A free, out-speaking press is so entirely opposed to intolerance, usurped power and corrupt conduct, that the Aristocracy naturally *must* at once fear and hate it. This is the key to the constant sneers at newspaper writers which abound in "the higher circles" in Great Britain. Year after year, as the Press grows more powerful, the Aristocracy becomes more weak; but every now and then, losing temper and discretion, attacks are made on it by such men as WINCHILSEA and NEWCASTLE. Despite of these, Journalism will survive,—"a great fact,"—after titles and badges have been swept away by the Republicanism which is destined to sweep over the Kingdom of Europe.

Turnips from Glasgow!

In last evening's paper was announced the arrival of a vessel from Glasgow with a number of tons of turnips on board. This certainly is a curious thing—turnips from Glasgow! Where is Long Island! Is Oysterpond Point snowed under? Or have Southold farmers made money enough, and retired from turnip raising? Times were different when we were young.

In the old times—say ten years ago—there was no such place for turnips as the east end of Long Island. Late in the Fall—not until the frosts had withered the tops, yet before the ground was so frozen as to anchor what was in it for the Winter—the farmer kept all his boys home from school, and spent the day, or several of them, in pulling turnips. It was not an occasion much coveted by the boys. JACK FROST, at other times a myth, then was a solemn reality, always standing behind the turnip-puller, nipping his nose, pinching his ears, and often fetching him a hard slap as he bent to his task that brought tears between his eyelids. It was a dirty job. You would get dirt under your nails, and your fingers would feel the worse a week for the job. The tops of the little ones would twist off in your hand, and the stubborn roots *often would utterly refuse to come out*. We used to wonder if they would never get a machine to pull them. But they did not. In those days machines were very costly, and new-fangled ones were not popular.

The turnips pulled and measured up were then carted to the beach, off which lay the sloop that was to take them to the City. That sloop—it was bigger in our eyes than the *Great Republic* would be now—and to command her was a greater honor than to control the English fleet that went up the Baltic. Happy was the boy whose father went "hand" in her, and the little black cook, who fried the pork and stewed the onions in her cabin, might have found some white boys of his size, who, for his berth, would have swapped colors with him.

The long boat drawn near to the shore, as near as may be consistent with the state of the tide and the shoalness of the beach, and the team was driven in, to meet these conditions. The horses never much fancied this late November job. They would stand pawing the pebbles and striking at the seaweed, probably to their own great satisfaction, but wetting us down somewhat unpleasantly. And so the sloop was loaded, not by one man, but by a dozen, though in those days, as now, many a *small* farmer raised enough to freight the sloop—but then the venture! It was safer to *divide the risk*. *Loaded*, the good sloop only waited for a spell of fair weather, and a light wind from the north or east. Nor waited long—not over a week or two generally. The turnip-sloop did not often take passengers, because they did not return early; but if she did take down Aunt Polly or Mrs. Burnell to see her married daughter, there was one big baking done in the village, you may be sure, and more than one big *basket full of "relishes," went on board*. Seizing a fair day, when the tide ebbed early, the sloop would slip down the bay, through the Gut, and go scudding through the Sound, hoping all the way for a good breeze to go through Hell Gate with, and, hauling into Rutger's-slip, or Tyson's. Next morning a board hoisted in the rigging and chalked in indifferent letters, "*Long Island Turnips for Sale*," would announce to New-York housekeepers and grocers where the prime bargains were to be made. The little sloop would lay in her slip all Winter, selling enough some days to pay wharfage, and some days doing so well that all hands would feel justified in going on a "bust"—the Captain up to the Chatham Theatre, and the black cook treating himself to a long pipe that nobody had smoked before. The owners of the vegetables took for their share just what they "stood them in"—that is the price that they brought less the cost of peddling them. They were sold for a shilling and eighteenpence the bushel! and no better turnips were ever mashed, buttered and set before a King, than these same rain bagas, which sold cheaper than dirt. They were *too cheap* for people to eat. Now that they sell as high as potatoes by the wholesale, and are retailed at two shillings the half peck—(half a marvelously little peck, too)—we wake up to their excellence as an article of diet. Salt, they say, develops the color of flowers; silver certainly brings out the flavor of vegetables, and makes us appreciate them. We venture that, with a load of turnips in town, all the way from Glasgow, and a price upon all in the market so high, compared with the cost of production, that farmers put down the latter at nothing,—we venture that turnips will rush into unprecedented popularity, and thousands of poor families discover that they cannot get along without them.

What Should the Fare be?

When the Brooklyn cars commenced running they put their fare at four cents; but the value of horseflesh continually rising, and experience having given them a few lessons, they raised it to five cents, which we doubt not is little enough to pay expenses. The Third-avenue cars, running much of the way over the same track with the Fourth-avenue, wisely fixed their fare at five cents; dragged down the Fourth-avenue fare from six cents to five, and prohibited the Second-avenue from charging anything more. The First and Second-avenue Road starting at five cents broke down stage lines which traversed nearly the same route, charging sixpence. One enterprising proprietor, however, bound not to be beaten if there were any virtue in cheap fares, kept his stages running up and down the First-avenue and charged but three cents. Of course his stages were always full. The first week we thought they would all be broken down by the loads that clustered on each roof, until the proprietor had a stout mast rigged through the centre of each for the roof's support. The old rule, "only twelve inside," was a very dead letter on his line. To see the stages passing morning, noon or at night, one would think it the rule to carry "never less than twelve inside," and on the roof was the jolliest crew of carpenters with their kits, masons with their tools, laborers with their shovels, and if it were a rainy day, of a crowd of all sorts with their umbrellas. We never saw one of the stages empty or near it. But it does not pay. The horses, however robust they once were, soon get below the revivifying influence of "oats enough," "green pasture" and "gentle exercise." The proprietor intends on the 1st of March to raise his fare to four cents—the more passengers he carries at three cents, the quicker his horses die and the poorer he is. There is no doubt that to withstand the competition our enterprising friend undershot the paying mark.

It would be a great gratification to us to learn what a City car can afford to run for. The Fourth-avenue cars run empty some twelve hours out of the twenty at five cents. If we suggest that their cars are a nuisance, running off the track as they often do and piling up a line of cars of several blocks in length, we are told to be quiet, that *they pay nothing, and for the good they do* are to be tolerated. The Third-avenue cars run full at least nine-tenths of the day. We generally use them twice a day at least, yet have not enjoyed a seat, on going up to dinner, or late at night, for many a month. We pay our half dime for the privilege of standing and being crowded. It takes some minutes to get out of one, on account of the jam, and the crowd clings like hiving bees to the platform on either end for some hours in the morning and at night. *More* passengers they could not carry, more patronage they could not begin to accommodate. But if we ask them to put more cars upon their track or such teams upon their cars as can mount the Chatham-street hills, without rendering the proprietors liable to complaints for the brutal treatment of cattle, the response is immediate—"Why the road does not pay;" "See how miserably low its stock sells;" and, "One who is rich in it alone is a proper applicant for soup at the Charity houses." Well, then, what fare would pay? Would sixpence? Would a shilling? Being obliged to ride much, we would prefer to ride in stages or in cars that are comfortable, and only so thickly occupied too that all who pay can have a seat, and to ride behind cattle that it does not harden the heart or distress one to see toiling in the traces. Moreover, it is a pleasure when any line becomes a nuisance, to be able with a clean conscience to enter it in the Black Book or make a note of it for the papers. But if our public carriers sink money for our accommodation, we cannot do it. Who will settle it? What is the paying fare upon stages and City cars?

The Patent Medicine Bill—Why the Row?

A great muss is made at Albany, it seems, by the men who are moving the Patent Pill Law. The act provides that a medicine must *not be sold—of the order generally denominated* "patent," (probably because its composition is not patent to anybody,)—unless upon its label is told just how much "mercury" there is in it, how much dock-root, how much "powdered dead men's bones," and what other horribles, and in what proportions, go to make up its infallibility. Really we do not see what damage such a law would do. It might depreciate the value of property on Fifth-avenue, by cutting off all relays to the ranks of the Patent Medicine Aristocracy. That would be bad, but it would leave the more glory to be shared by those who have passed the portals and are admitted using the Upper Ten. It could not hurt the *people* certainly. We go in for "the diffusion of useful knowledge" among the people. When we swallow our dose of sarsaparilla, we like to know how many "eyes of newt," or "thumbs of frog," "babies' livers," or "roots from poisonous bags," were concocted to make the healing syrup. We like to know when we are taking "Calomel," and if, as the Doctors say, it is a constituent in the Dinner Pills we have taken as often as our dessert, it is one of the items of useful knowledge for which we would be duly thankful.

Why should not we? Our fathers sent us to school to learn the constituents of the air we breathe. We buy books, attend many a course of popular lectures on Chemistry, and pay many a fee to our doctors, to know what are the constituents of the food we eat, and of the beverages we drink. It is all useful knowledge—very useful for people who get their living by eating and drinking and taking medicine. So, on the whole, we cannot consent, as our correspondent from his "only office in the Bowery" urges, to pitch into the member who introduced the bill; or, as our friend in the wholesale business requests, give fits to the Committee that did not stifle it at its birth. Indeed we rather fancy the thing, and hope we all may learn something by it.

Musical.

METROPOLITAN THEATRE.—Madame GRIEI and Sig. MARIO made their reappearance here last evening in the Opera "I Puritani," before a large and enthusiastic audience. The house was not crowded, except in the balcony boxes and parquette; up stairs there was plenty of room. Probably thirteen or fourteen hundred persons, in all, were present. The appearance of the house was imposing, but flashy—an inevitable consequence of the gaudy coloring and intolerable gas-glare always prevalent here.

Signor BADIALI was indisposed, and did not sing. His place was filled by Signor BERNARDI. SUSINI was evidently suffering from a severe cold, and at times seemed scarcely able to proceed. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, the Opera went acceptably. Both GRIEI and MARIO were in good voice. We have nothing to add to what we have already written on "I Puritani."

This being the first time that an Opera has been given at this house, a few remarks about the appropriateness of the building for the purpose may not be out of place. The stage is, of course, radically wrong; every one admits it to be the ugliest thing of the kind ever devised. We will, therefore, say nothing more about it. Acoustically much was expected of this building, but it is a failure; such a conglomeration of chattering sounds as assailed the ear last evening has seldom been heard in a hall devoted to music; each instrument in the orchestra tripped up its neighbor, and the shrillest had it to the last! The defect appears to lie in excessively metallic vibration—utterly destitute of sonority and mellowness. The shrillest sound overpowers all others; you know precisely when a wind instrument plays a note, and you may follow the piccolo from the first bar of the opera to the last. Nothing can subdue the ardor of that instrument. It cannot be denied that every sound is heard; on the contrary it might be said that every sound is heard twice, for there is an unmistakable echo. The effect is unpleasant and hollow, and reminds one of music under an arching. Where there is a combination of sounds, vocal and instrumental, all the worst points are aggravated. Signor ARDITI—who was seasonably tempestuous last night—would have been astonished could he have heard his own orchestra from the first circle, still more so from the second. He would have descended a sadder and wiser man from either.

In a word, the Metropolitan Theatre will not do for operatic purposes—there is no equality in the sound; the shrillest always prevails, and in quick movements the echo of one sound rebounding on another of a totally different character produces positive discord. The defect, undoubtedly, lies in the dome, and can, we should think, be remedied.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Twelfth Anti-Slavery Lecture by Rev. Samuel J. May.

THE RISE AND PROGRESS OF THE ANTI-SLAVERY MOVEMENT SINCE 1830.

Last evening Rev. S. J. MAY, of Syracuse, delivered the Twelfth Lecture on Anti-Slavery. The audience was not very large. The subject chosen, "The rise and progress of Slavery since 1830."

The sentiment of right, he said, the aspiration after freedom, and the love of liberty were heavenly. This love of liberty dwelleth not in the Rocky Mountains of monarchical supremacy. What there is of this spirit of liberty that alights on the proud eminence of human society, trickles down into the valleys. Too often it is hidden in dark caverns, but it never dies.

There have been in the world at all times spirits who have given utterance to liberal principles, and would not allow their feelings on the subject of liberty to remain pent up.

It is thus that the spirit of one mind gives impulse to the multitude—such as HAMPDEN, LUTHER, CALVIN, KNOX, and others, such as that master-spirit of that great man in our own country, which affected the minds of the people to the outermost borders. It was thus that the spirit of Mr. GARRISON caused the crusade against slavery to be commenced, with no other auxiliary than a colored boy, and no other weapon than the pen. He claimed no more for Mr. GARRISON than a spirit of liberty, acting on the minds of the multitude, and guiding them in a new direction. It was such a spirit that actuated the noble efforts of the men at Runnymede who obtained the Magna Charta, and sent into exile the noblest and best spirits of England, Ireland and Scotland. In the formation of the primitive thirteen States, he considered that it was a fortunate circumstance that such a variety of religious sentiment prevailed, as it aided much in accomplishing the union of all parties, as the feelings and prejudices of each counteracted those of the other parties.

The American colonies becoming large enough *to assert their independence as a people, and impatient of restraint*, determined to throw off the yoke, and in that glorious Constitution gave liberty to all men. But, alas, the subsequent career of our country will show that the liberal intentions of the framers of that Constitution were not sufficient, or such as secured the freedom of those who most needed its support. They entailed on those people, to use the ever memorable words of a great man, "a condition, one hour of which was worse ten thousand times than the tyranny against which they had revolted." It was melancholy to reflect that such a man as PATRICK HENRY, who gave utterance to such sentiments as he did—that JEFFERSON, who, as a Slaveholder, *left such inconsistencies in his life, to be reconciled with his doctrines* and teachings; but more than all, WASHINGTON, who has thrown a shadow on his bright fame by lending his mighty influence to such a system. The Constitution, as the fact stands, did not provide for the liberty of all who dwelt in the country over which it was destined to preside. It was partial, restrictive, selfish. He would only say, in palliation of these great men, that they took counsel from emergency, stretch their principles, and fell into the trap which lay open for them. But better ourselves to wear the chains than try to fasten them on others. The great deeds they performed cannot counteract the gigantic evil they perpetrated. The greatest and most immediate wrongs result from compromise. That only which is true is weed and right, in action can be eternally expedient. The compromises of the Constitution, and the measures consequent made to Slave Power, are such that the ultimate dissolution of the Union will be the only means of reconciling those conflicting elements. Twenty years after the Declaration of independence efforts were made in some of the States to abolish the Slave-trade. Among those who took a part in this movement was BENJAMIN FRANKLIN. But in 1808 that spirit began to decline; and ultimately the traffic in slaves was declared to be unlawful, but it is a well known and glaring fact that never—even when the Slave-trade was lawful—has there been more Africans sold into bondage than under the so-called Anti-Slavery Law, which had only the effect of heaping more misery on the unfortunate slave. The manumission of slaves was prohibited and discountenanced in most of the Southern States. Their system of oppression became more galling—their chains were rivetted tighter; and on the slightest pretext, those who had purchased or procured their freedom were again reduced to Slavery. The first attempt which was made on the part of the North was when the dispute arose in 1819 to admit Missouri into the Union. The contest was a vehement one. Mr. WEBSTER was on the liberal side. Mr. CLAY came into the question with the wand of compromise, and words were spoken in that controversy which should never be forgotten, on the question of Slavery.

The lecturer entered into a long and eulogistic review of WM. L. GARRISON's career—alluded to his incarceration for libel, caused by denouncing the master of a vessel who was from his own town (Newburyport) and his owner, who brought a cargo of slaves from Baltimore to New-Orleans, lacking other freight—how he had been released through the liberality of ARTHUR TAPPAN—and the active part he has since taken in the Anti-Slavery movement. He renounced the Colonization scheme, and showed the system of partial emancipation to be rotten. It was his denunciation of the Colonization system, and the exposure of its duplicity that drew down on him the hatred of his most inveterate Northern enemies. The churches were closed against him, no minister would have received him into their congregation. He seem to be deserted by all men, but he seemed to realize the feeling of Father TAYLOR, of Boston, "God is majority in himself, what care I if all men are against me." But God be praised that Christianity and the American Church are not identical! Mr. GARRISON's religion is as dear to him as his own soul. He also expatiated on his views on gradual emancipation, showing that such a project might be effected some time between now and *never*. In answer to the objection that if slaves were at once emancipated they would turn upon their masters, he said that there was no an instance on record where it was known that a slave ever offered the slightest insult to his benefactor,—their first act is to raise up their free hands and bless God for the liberty they enjoy, and next invoke blessings on him who gave him their liberty. He showed that the great and unparalleled cruelty which was exercised on the slave was not the evil which was complained of—but it was the relation—that man should by holding man in bondage, arrogate to himself the attribute of the great Jehovah. When though wider rivers of thought may be brought to bear on this question, they are but part of the multitude of minds that have been brought into the great moral Mississippi as tributaries to purge this great country from this outrageous violation of all rights,—American slavery, directed by the master mind of WM. LLOYD GARRISON.

The lecturer, in conclusion, read some passages from an early number of *The Liberator*, explicative of the principles on which he set out on his Anti-Slavery project.

The Market Bank Embezzlement—Investigation—Receiving Teller Bailed Out.

Yesterday morning the late Receiving Teller of the Market Bank, WM. P. SACKETT, was arraigned before Justice CONNOLLY to answer the charge of embezzling $225,000 from the Bank. As before stated, the accused was arrested on Long Island by Sergeant MANSFIELD and a policeman belonging to his squad. Mr. SACKETT, fearing he would be confined in prison till morning, succeeded in securing the services of Policeman RALPH PATTERSON, who kept him out of prison for the night. His night's liberation was effected through the intercession of Policeman PATTERSON and others, with a police magistrate whom they accidentally met in Broadway.

On behalf of the prisoner HENRY L. CLINTON, Esq., appeared as counsel, and moved to have the amount of bail fixed for his client's appearance. Meanwhile the affidavit recently made by the President of the Bank was read—substantially as follows:

Richard S. Williams, sworn, says: I reside at No. 10 Jefferson-street, in the City of New-York; he was President of the Market Bank; that William Post Sackett was Receiving Teller of said Bank, and was engaged at a yearly salary; that he was in the said situation from Nov. 1, 1852, to Dec. 2, 1854, and that during that period he had embezzled the funds of the said Bank to the amount of $225,000; deponent further says that on the 24 of December last, it was discovered that the footing up of his accounts was wrong on his books, by making false entries of figures, thereby intending to mislead and deceive the officers of the said Bank.

Deponent also says that he was informed by a clerk of the Bank, named Walter Hendrick, that he examined the accounts of Sackett on Saturday afternoon, the 24 December, after bank hours, and that Hendrick informed deponent that he told Sackett in the bank that the footings of his accounts were wrong, and that Sackett said that he would come down on Monday morning and *make it right*.

Deponent says that Sackett did not come to the Bank on Monday, but on Monday evening Sackett called on deponent at his residence, and acknowledged to deponent that he committed wrong, and that he had abstracted at various times from the bank, and in all the sum of $225,000. Deponent further says, that he charges the said Wm. Post Sackett, while he was in employ of said bank, as receiving teller, with having feloniously embezzled and converted to his own use the sum of $225,000, thereby cheating and defrauding the officers and stockholders of the said Market Bank out of the said amount.

Justice CONNELLY finally placed the bail at $10,000, and the requisite bonds were given by the mother and father-in-law of the offender, who justified in the amount of $20,000. The examination in the case was set down for some future day, and thus closed the exciting affair for the present.

Voyage of the U. S. Steamship Supply.

The United States steamship *Supply*, which arrived at this port on Monday from Japan, is now at the Brooklyn Navy-Yard. She was towed up to the City by a steamtug, which found her embedded in the ice, about twelve miles below Sandy Hook. She has encountered some severe weather, and will need repairs. She had been twice within twenty miles of Sandy Hook, and was blown off in very heavy snow storms from the northward and westward. A number of the seamen have been badly frost-bitten by the cold weather on the coast since the 20th of January. The *Supply* has been absent about two years and ten months. She sailed from the Brooklyn Navy-Yard in 1852, under the command of Lieut. SINCLAIR, with stores for the Japan squadron. Since leaving New-York she has sailed upwards of fifty thousand miles, or more than twice the distance round the world. She has visited Japan and the Loo Choo Islands twice, and China, Java, Sumatra, Malacca and the Cape of Good Hope, each once. The most remarkable thing about this successful voyage is, that Captain SINCLAIR has not lost one of his men by disease or accident.

Captain SINCLAIR brought home some Japanese *presents for our Government. They consist of rice* and coal. The coal is said to be of a bituminous nature, and burns rapidly. It gives a brilliant flame, and the heat is intense. The rice is of a dark color, and of very good quality. The captain also brought a specimen of coal from the mines of Formosa, an island situated between China and Japan.

The *Supply* had on board ten or fifteen invalids from the exploring and Japan squadrons. Some of them have been sent to the Naval Hospital, and others, whose cases were not considered alarming, were taken to the receiving ship *North Carolina*.

The steerships *Lexington* and *Southampton* and steam-frigate *Mississippi*, also of the Japan squadron, are now on their way to New-York, and may *arrive in a few days. The steamer Susquehanna* is going to Philadelphia. All of the above vessels sailed shortly after the *Supply*.

Capt. SINCLAIR reports that on the 6th of January, in lat. 6° south, lon. 21° west, he spoke the English bark *Hero*, of London, for Australia, all well. She had been out a long time, and wished to be reported.—Post.

Robbing a Market Dealer.

Yesterday morning Sergeant MARTIN and Officer MOORE, of the Second District Police Court, arrested a German named JOHN SMELTER, charged with stealing fifty barrels of apples from WM. R. ADEE, at Washington Market. The accused was brought before Justice BOSWORTH, and was locked up for trial.

☞ The Knickerbocker Bank building is to be put up for sale at public auction.

We regret to say that four of the New-York Judiciary are at present seriously ill—viz.: Hon. HENRY P. BENNETT, of the Supreme Court; Judge HEFFERN, of the Superior Court, and Judges PHILLIPS and THOMPSON.

☞ A new weekly journal entitled the *Honest Truth*, published by E. WALKER, late of the Citizen, and edited by MICHAEL DOHENY and CHARLES GRAHAM HALPINE, will be issued in this City on the 3d of March next. One of the objects which the *Honest Truth* proposes to itself is "to aid the mental and moral culture of those citizens and patriotists, who are of Irish birth, so far as to adapt their ideas, education and sentiments to the great controlling principles on which the Constitution of the United States is based."

☞ A horse attached to a small sleigh, in which were a young man and his sister, took fright in Chatham-street last night and dashed off at furious speed, through Park-place and down Broadway. The occupants of the sleigh were thrown into the street, near the Park, but neither was much injured. The lady was conveyed to the Office of the Chief of Police, much frightened, while her brother proceeded after his runaway horse, which he succeeded in overhauling at Bowling-green.

☞ The thaw continued during yesterday. It didn't improve the sleighing at all. On the contrary, "quite the reverse." The stage-sleigh bumped and thumped along to the sore distress of horseflesh. It makes no difference to the driver, though, for his whip has a lash long enough to reach the leaders, and so the animals are half killed. Nobody cares anything about that,—not he!

☞ A very neat service of plate has been presented to CHARLES A. MEIGS, Esq., the late Cashier of the American Exchange Bank, by the clerks of that Institution, as a testimonial of their regard for him during his official connection with them for a series of years past. It consists of a pitcher, two goblets and a salver, bearing an inscription.

☞ The American Bible Society, the Tract Society, and the A. B. C. F. M. have fared well in the bequests of Mr. ANSON PRATT of North Weymouth, Mass. The first receives $6,000; the second, $2,000; and the Mission Board probably $8,000.

☞ The venerable THOMAS O'CONOR, (father of CHARLES O'CONOR, Esq.,) died on Friday, at his residence, near Fort Washington. He was a native of Ireland, but for nearly fifty years he had been a citizen of New-York.

☞ Sales of Real Estate are tolerably lively. Dwellings were sold yesterday in Sixteenth, Twenty-first, and Thirty-fifth streets for prices ranging from $7,000 to $12,850.

☞ The ice has almost disappeared from the rivers. The boats from the Eastward came through yesterday.

SOMETHING NEW.—The ship *Glenco*, from Glasgow, arrived yesterday, has on board as part of her cargo twenty-nine tons of Turnips in bulk.

PARKE GODWIN.—The Galena (Ill.) *Jeffersonian* of 30th December, says: "The lecture last evening, by PARKE GODWIN, was attended by a large, intelligent, and appreciative audience." Then follows a half-column report of what Mr. GODWIN said, closing with the remark, that the lecture was "one of those rich, mental treats which Mr. GODWIN only can furnish." The joke of the matter is, that by a failure of the cars to connect, Mr. GODWIN didn't get within 100 miles of Galena, and so did not lecture there at all! Apropos, while Mr. GODWIN was delivering a lecture in some town in Ohio, he took up a glass of water to drink, and while holding it over his manuscript the bottom of his tumbler dropped off and let all of the water upon it. The lecturer looked dismayed, and the audience began to titter ominously. Instantly recovering his wits, he said: "Whatever fault may be found with my lecture, it can't at any rate be called a *dry* one!" This happy turn extricated him from the dilemma.

☞ The Newburyport *Herald* reports the death of ORLANDO B. MERRILL, Esq., of that city, at the advanced age of 92 years. The deceased was probably one of the oldest shipbuilders in the country. He built the United States ship *Fishing*, in 1799, and the United States sloop-of-war *Wasp*, in 1813.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

FIRE AT SIMSBURY, CONN.—THE SAFE THAT preserved the valuable books, papers and money of Messrs. Barnes & Brothers, of Simsbury, Conn., on the 2d December last, was one of WILDER'S WORLD RENOWNED PATENT SALAMANDERS, No. 1,251, and sold to them in April, 1853, by Silas C. Herring, who has since transferred to the subscribers his right to make the same.

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HYDROPATHY.—DR. H. HALSTED, OF BOONE HILL Water Cure, Northampton, Mass., (formerly of Rochester, N. Y.) with his wife, are now at No. 15 Laight-st., where they will receive calls at all times from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. Dr. H. is well known for the success of his new method of treating organic weakness, loss of the sexual fluids, and spinal and protracted diseases; especially those incident to woman. His work on Hydropathy can be had at 25 cents.

REFERENCES.—JOHN D. TEBOWAY, 48 Nassau-st.; C. W. ROBERT, No. 1 Lafayette-place; W. D. ARNOTT, No. 48 Pine-st.; CHARLES MCKNIGHT, Brooklyn; Rev. Dr. BROWN, Broadway; C. C. BURR, Elm-st.; Rev. Dr. HUNT, Bedford; M. D., No. 108 27th-st.; Rev. J. P. HOYT and lady, No. 12th-st.; GEORGE F. BRADBURY and lady, No. 25 Broome-st.; J. FIST, Greenwich-st.; Rev. Dr. M. L. RIPPOTOE and J. O. MOORE and lady, Madison House, Brooklyn; EDWARD DOUGHTY and DANIEL DEHERMOT, Newark, N. J.

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LONG ISLAND.

Meeting for Relief of the Poor.

In compliance with the call of His Honor Mayor HALL, and a number of other influential gentlemen of Brooklyn, a large number of the citizens met in the Supreme Court-room, in the City Hall, Brooklyn, for the purpose of taking measures to assist the poor. The meeting was organized by the choice of Mayor HALL as Chairman, and Mr. CHITTENDEN as Secretary.

Mayor HALL stated the object of the meeting to be the adoption of some plan to replenish the funds of the Association for improving the condition of the Poor. The funds of the Society were nearly run out, and they could not possibly go on more than five or six days longer. His Honor then described a most affecting picture of the sufferings of the poor—scores of whom besieged his office every day—and stated that it was not the drunkard, the profligate and the vicious, who were alone suffering from want, but that the most industrious and sober among our mechanics, clerks, &c., were compelled to solicit relief from the various Charitable Associations of the city.

Mr. EARLE, the Secretary of the Association, then gave a short statement of the affairs of the Society, in the course of which he said that they were at present affording relief to between 1,300 and 1,400 families, and had already expended about $6,000, and that they were some $800 in debt.

The meeting was then addressed by Mr. STANTON, who said he was opposed to the present system of granting relief, and said it would be better for Brooklyn and New-York to purchase Government lands in the far West, and send their poor out there to till the soil. He quoted largely from the Bible to support his views.

Mr. STANTON was followed by Mr. CHITTENDEN, Rev. Dr. LEWIS, Rev. Dr. FARLEY and other gentlemen. A subscription was then got up and between $3,000 and $4,000 contributed on the spot.

A resolution was passed recommending the Association to the citizens of Brooklyn, and suggesting the propriety of collections being taken at the various churches next Sunday or as soon after as may be convenient.

The meeting then adjourned.

City Missionary Society.

The second Anniversary of the Williamsburg Missionary Society took place last evening, at the Presbyterian Church in South Fourth-street, corner of Sixth-street. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present. The President, Rev. Dr. MCLAWS, occupied the chair.

The services were commenced by singing, reading of Scripture and prayer, by Rev. Mr. JOCELYN.

The Treasurer, Mr. H. P. FREEMAN, submitted his report, from which the following is an extract:

Balance on hand at last report	$4 00
Received since last annual meeting, by collections, subscriptions, donations, &c	970 21
Received for Relief Department	68 50
Total	$1,042 67
Paid sundry expenses	17 40
Paid Treasurer of Relief Department balance of $200, appropriated for that purpose	30 00
Paid Treasurer of Relief Department	63 50
Paid N. Cox, Missionary Salary	300 00
Paid Rev. Wm. H. Johnson	600 00
Total	$1,023 55
Balance on hand	19 02

Mr. BULKLEY read the report of the Relief Department:

Total amount of cash received	$1,691 67
Disbursements	1,637 52
Balance on hand	$53 35

Mr. BULKLEY stated that the disbursements per week of this Department amount to about $200.

The substance of the report has been already published.

Addresses were delivered by Dr. BAKER, Rev. Mr. ELLIOTT, Rev. Mr. JOHNSON, City Missionary, and Mr. BULKLEY.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—GEO. H. ANDREWS. *Vice Presidents*—Robert Macfarlane, S. Metcalfe, Dr. E. M. Colt, L. Darbee, G. F. Tuttle. *Secretary*—J. W. Bulkley. *Treasurer*—H. P. Freeman.

The meeting was closed by singing Doxology, and benediction.

Trial for Murder.

In the Court of Oyer and Terminer, Brooklyn, yesterday, the case of MICHAEL FARLEY and wife, indicted for the murder of JOANNA DARBEE, by poison, last Spring, was called for trial. After empanneling a Jury the Court adjourned till this morning. This case has already been tried, but the Jury were unable to agree upon a verdict.

Contested Seat in Common Council.

The Special Committee of the Brooklyn Common Council, to whom was referred the remonstrance of several citizens of the Ninth Ward against the right of Alderman MILLER to a seat in the Board, have submitted a report and resolution declaring him duly and legally elected, which were unanimously adopted by the Council at their last meeting.

Court News.

The following cases are on the list for trial in the Circuit Court, Brooklyn, to-day, viz.: Nos. 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 55½, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60.

Kings County Board of Supervisors.

At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Kings County last evening, a communication was received from the Clerk of the City Court praying for an augmentation of his salary from $1,600 to $2,500, owing to the *increased* business of the Court since the consolidation.

A communication was also received from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction stating that in accordance with the provisions of the act of April 12, 1851, he had apportioned $34,955 14 for the support of Common Schools in Kings County.

The Board adopted a resolution to memorialize the Legislature to extend the "act to amend an act concerning passengers in vessels coming to the port of New-York, passed May 5, 1847," now pending in the Assembly to the County of Kings.

☞ On Monday evening the house of Rev. R. M. Hatfield, No. 218 Washington-street, Brooklyn, was broken into, and property to the amount of $300 or $400 abstracted. The thieves got off with their booty.

Trial of the Steam Fire Engine—Exciting Scene.

From the Philadelphia Bulletin, Feb. 12.

The long-delayed trial of the "Miles Greenwood" took place yesterday afternoon, at Dock-street wharf, in the presence of not less, probably, than ten thousand people. The eastern end of Dock-street, from the edge of the river to the turn above Front-street, was a literal jam, and wherever a foothold could be obtained on the roofs of houses, on railroad cars, or in the rigging of vessels, human beings were clustered. It was soon made manifest that the element that has wrought so much mischief in our fire department was present in force, and the most unmitigated Jakeyism was freely displayed. The rowdies gave vent to the dissatisfaction they feel that any improvement should be introduced which would tend to deprive them of the darling privilege of doing as they please, and shouts, groans, and a certain species of low wit were freely uttered at the expense of the machine.

The location of the engine was readily discovered by the heavy black smoke that curled from her pipe. She was stationed inside the railing at the Baltimore steamboat wharf, and drew her supply of water from the river by means of two suction pipes. In about six minutes from the time the fire in the furnace was lighted, the engine was ready for service. Heavy India-rubber hose was led upon the wharf outside the railing, and the pipe attached to it was pointed westward. This pipe was quite short, and that circumstance, in the opinion of old firemen, is an important disadvantage where it is designed to throw a stream to a great distance.

At a given signal the engine was put in operation and a general scattering of the crowd within reach of the steam followed. The water was thrown through a triangular nozzle. The side of the triangular being an inch and a quarter long. The stream did not at first reach more than one hundred feet horizontally, and this part of the performance was hailed with shouts of derision, groans and laughter by the "philanthropists" among the crowd. Some of the rowdies placed themselves a short distance in advance of the stream and taunting-lashed for the water to come on; for, if they were prepared by qualified for the occasion, it appeared to gain power as it progressed, and the brawers were glad to beat a retreat with drenched skins.

The immense stream of water from this pipe was thrown over the four story stores on the north corner of Delaware-avenue and Dock-street, the pipemen being not less than one hundred feet from the base of the building at the time, and the engine was not less than fifty feet further east. A combination screw forming a Y was then put on the end of the hose already described, and a short section of leather hose was screwed upon each of the two branches of the Y screw. Water was then forced through the India rubber trunk hose until it reached this screw, where it diverged, and two separate streams were thus thrown. These streams were thrown upon the roof of the corner through triangular pipes, which were held by men standing a considerable distance from the building.

Four streams were subsequently thrown at once through two sets of Y screws. These streams were forced through the ordinary round nozzles, seven-eighth of an inch in diameter, and the water was thrown upon the roof of the stores from a point about eighty feet from the base of the buildings. The great advantage in the use of steam, demonstrated by the trial yesterday, is the continuous supply of water afforded by the apparatus. There is no tiring nor flagging, but from first to last the necessary element is poured upon a conflagration without a moment's intermission. All who have been at serious fires, which have continued to burn for a number of hours, have remarked the difficulty of getting the hand engines fully manned, particularly in severe weather. The genuine firemen become jaded out, and the novelty of the thing soon wears out with the hangers-on. With the steam fire engine, so long as fuel and water are furnished, there is no want of motive power.

The object intended to be accomplished by the use of triangular nozzles is to prevent the "spraying" of the stream. Water in passing through a round nozzle acquires, it is said, a whirling motion, which causes the spreading and consequent "spraying" of the stream. This difficulty the triangular nozzle is designed to overcome. The experiment yesterday tended to sustain the correctness of this theory. This trial will long be remembered by the thousands who witnessed it, as but few of the great throng escaped without a wetting. Those who avoided a sprinkling came in for a share of the water that was ankle-deep in many parts of the wharf and street. We surmise that Mr. BOWER will discover its effects in an increased demand for his "Moss Paste," and that all cough candies will advance in the estimation of those who were present yesterday at the spreading of the "skweous flewid."

☞ An anecdote just now revived—apropos of the merits of port wine—is as follows:—GEORGE IV., in his early days of good living, had some very choice and rare wine, which his suite daily appreciating, consumed to nearly the last bottle. After a lapse of time it was ordered for an entertainment on the following day. In great consternation the guilty members of his suite applied to an eminent *vine brewer* for assistance in their dilemma. He merely enquired "Whether they could furnish him with a single bottle as a specimen." It was supplied, and accordingly on the next day a sufficient quantity of the imitation was ready for use, and the fraud remained undiscovered.

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☞ **"Art of Prolonging Life."**—The Ninth Lecture of the Course, relating to this subject, will be given by S. J. BRDOWICK, Principal of the Metropolitan Academy and Gymnasium, THIS (Wednesday) EVENING, Feb. 14, in the Hall of the Academy, Nos. 42 and 44 Grand-st., near 6th-st., commencing at 7½ o'clock. Admission, 25 cents.

☞ **Spiritual Mass Meeting.**—On FRIDAY EVENING, 16th inst., 7½ o'clock, there will be a grand gathering at the Broadway Tabernacle, on which occasion Rev. T. L. HARRIS will deliver a lecture, and addresses will be made by Judge EDMONDS and Hon. N. P. TALLMADGE.

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☞ **Gulick Guard.**—The Twentieth Annual Ball of the Gulick Guard will take place at the Apollo Rooms on THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 16, 1855.
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☞ **Rev. Dr. Helmus** will preach in the Meeting House of the Norfolk-st. Baptist Church EVERY EVENING this week, excepting Saturday. Services commence at 7½ o'clock.

PERSONAL.

NOTICE.—The lady who was in one of the Bleecker-st. omnibuses at the corner of Carmine and Bleecker-sts. on the 29th day of August, 1853, when a gig was upset and a gentleman injured, is requested to leave her address with Dr. GRISWOLD, at No. 427 Hudson-st.

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LECTURES ON MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE.—The Course of Lectures on *Medical Jurisprudence*, by Hon. JOEL PARKER, L. L. D., late Chief Justice of New-Hampshire, will be delivered in the New-York Medical College, East 12th-st., commencing on TUESDAY, the 13th instant; and will be continued at 10 o'clock each day.
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THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY will be celebrated in the Hall of the Alpha of New-York, on FRIDAY EVENING, March 2.
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Another Letter from one of Brigham Youngs Wives.

[For the Boston Times, Feb. 12.]

By the following letter it will be seen that we are soon to have the startling disclosures of Mormonism, referred to in a letter lately published in the Times. The lecturer (one of BRIGHAM YOUNG'S wives,) has left Chicago, and it will be seven from the date of her letter, is at present located in Pittsfield, in this State. She is expected to arrive here as soon as the necessary arrangements for the delivery of her lectures are made.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Thursday, Feb. 8, 1855.

GEORGE MOREY, Esq.:

DEAR SIR: I embrace the opportunity of writing to you to inform you that I shall be in your city to give lectures on Mormonism next week or the week following. I will acknowledge I have some fears to lecture on this point, or I have been informed, upon good authority, that Mr. YOUNG has sent on two men to stop my career. They say I shall not give a lecture; but I shall try—and I hope the people of Boston will protect me, a woman; for I have done nothing that I regret, except joining the Society of Mormons and marrying the leader. They cannot find or bring anything against my moral character. I am ready to meet them, or any other Mormons, at the hall. They say I was legally married to BRIGHAM YOUNG. I was, in their way; but will this Government tolerate that? Will it give me up, and let these Mormon emissaries carry me back to Salt Lake? If I have done anything criminal, I will go without resistance. But they do not pretend to say that. All they say is, he (Mr. YOUNG) is my lawful husband; but they forget he had twenty odd wives when we were married. I was at the time innocent and sincere. Since I have seen enough, and know the Society to be corrupt, and governed by bad men for bad motives, I shall tell everything just as it is. I shall not stop for the feelings of those who may be present—no, not for Mr. YOUNG himself—but shall tell the whole truth, and unfold all the mysteries connected with the institution.

I am very well aware what the consequences would be, providing they had me in their power at Salt Lake. Death would pay for that which I am about to reveal.

There are two very important secrets in Mormonism of which none but the head leaders are aware, and they are brought to it by the most solemn oath. A part of this information I obtained from papers that I found.

One morning after YOUNG left my bed I discovered under the pillow a paper, of which I have a copy. It is a secret plot, contrived to overthrow this Government. In that package I also found the plan of a fort; at the top of the plan it said, "Three tiers, two hundred and six guns each." I also heard one of the leaders say, "Uncle SAM would not disturb them before they got the underground works done, and they should not then fear the whole United States army, with their SCOTTS and WOOLS." This I heard by eaves-dropping, besides a great deal more, of which I have not time to write. The Indians have had the promise that all of the land that has been taken from them shall be returned. Mr. YOUNG pretends to be their friend, and they all, to a man, will fight for him and the Mormons. Not only one tribe, but all the chiefs in the far West, are favorable to the cause and to that people. They will all follow their chiefs, and with their help, after they have the ground fixed for battle, the emigrants to and from California will find no mercy. You will also hear them boast of their strength and bid defiance to any power. They say they will also appoint their Governor of Utah, and they mean to enlarge their Territory and extend it to the Pacific, and as far north and south as they like. I can tell more than I have time to write.

SARAH YOUNG,
ELIZA WILLIAMS.

Terrific Excitement in a Church.

From the Oswego Palladium, Feb. 6.

A very large congregation assembled at St. Mary's Church, (Catholic,) on Sunday evening last, to hear a discourse from Rev. Mr. GUERDET, on various topics relating to Catholic doctrines—the immaculate conception, regard due the Virgin Mary, &c. The church was densely crowded, and there could not have been less than twenty-five hundred persons present. When the discourse was nearly finished, the alarm of fire on Bridge-street was sounded, and several persons went out. This caused some confusion; the nervious were suspended temporarily until order could be restored. The congregation had mostly risen upon their feet, and the number going out increased, the aisle had become filled, and an immense crowd had reached the doorway. At this moment a terrific cry was raised at the door that the church was on "fire!" A panic instantly seized the whole audience; the crowd at the door rushed with terrific fright back towards the altar, trampling and crushing each other in a most frantic manner. Women screamed and fainted, children screeched with terror, men rushed to the windows and dashed through them, carrying sash and all, women and men were seen rushing across the tops of the pews to the rear of building—presenting a scene of confusion, fright and terror that is totally indescribable. The dense mass in the aisles were forced back towards the altar with irresistible power in hopes of getting egress through the vestry, and a large number succeeded in getting out that way. Some went to work battering down a doorway on the south side of the west end of the church, which was not used and had been permanently closed. Some fifteen minutes elapsed before the alarm was found to be false, when most of the congregation had got out. A number of ladies were carried home in a fainting condition, and several were more or less injured, but we have heard of none being hurt seriously.

HICKORY NUT OIL—A NEW LIGHT.—Hickory nut oil, considered equal to the best lard or sperm oil for burning and machinery, is manufactured by Mr. WARREN ESTABROOK, of Dayton, in this State. The nut oil remains in a fluid state at very low temperature, and it does not "gum" like the ordinary qualities of oil. It is used in very delicate machinery, and when properly refined could be used by watchmakers. The pignut is preferred in the manufacture, on account of its thin shell, and greater abundance of oily material. Mr. ESTABROOK believes that oil manufactured from the ordinary shell-bark and large sweet hickory nut, would come into general use for the table.

[*Toledo (Ohio) Republican, Feb. 6.*

BISHOP REED, OF DETROIT.—This Roman Catholic prelate, having offended the Pope, was summoned to Rome, where he has long been kept a prisoner, and without hope of restoration to liberty. The Detroit *Tribune* says: "It would seem an act worthy of the darkest days of the Inquisition. A man who has committed no crime, except that he performed the duties of his sacred office to the entire satisfaction of the Diocese, has been immured in a dungeon for the rest of his days! And the Catholics of Detroit quietly submit to this flagrant outrage upon them, and render slavish obedience to one who is willing to become the tool of the Romish hierarchy! *It cannot always last.*"

MARKET REPORTS.

Retail Market Prices.

The supply of fresh Beef in market was on Tuesday less than usual, and its price had in consequence risen somewhat, selling at prices from 16c. to 18c. ⅌ lb. In other kinds of Fresh Meats and in Salt Meats there is no change.

Vegetables are more abundant and coming in rapidly. The demand is good at unaltered prices.

Poultry and Game are scarce at increased rates. Turkeys sells at 18c. ⅌ lb.; Rabbits at 75c., and Hares at $1 ⅌ pair.

Butter and Cheese is also less abundant and dearer. State Butter ranges in price from 35c. to 37c. ⅌ lb., and Orange County has risen to 38c. ⅌ lb. The demand, however, continues good. Cheese sells at 19½c. ⅌ lb., English Dairy 14c. ⅌ lb.

Eggs are arriving rapidly, and have therefore become cheaper. They are now sold at five for 12½ cents.

Potatoes range in price from 20 to 25 cents ⅌ half peck, and from $2 50 to $4 ⅌ bbl.

The supply of Apples is not quite so large as it has been, and those of a first-rate quality are scarce. There is but little change in price, however, the rates being 12c. cents ⅌ half peck, and $2 50@$4 ⅌ bbl. The very best quality of Spitzenbergs sell even as high as $5 ⅌ bbl.

Fresh Fish, which has been very scarce, has become more abundant, at increased rates. Codfish selling at 6c., Bass and Shad at 10c., Haddock at 7c., and Halibut at 12c. ⅌ lb.

Salt Fish has not brought its price low, owing to the scarcity of fresh fish, for its place demanded.

Oysters are in good demand, the best selling at $2 ⅌ hundred.

The Grains now in market are of an inferior quality, but are in average demand, at unchanged rates—Ryes at $1 ⅌ bushel.

Merchants ... Schedule reported for the N. Y. Daily Times.

TUESDAY, Feb. 13—6 P. M.

ASHES—The market is dull and heavy, at before quoted. The sales since our last include 75 bbls. Pots, at $6 56, and small lots of Pearls at $6 75@$6 87½ ⅌ 100 lbs.

BRICK—South River Hard are still rather scarce and quiet, but very firm.

COFFEE—The demand has been rather bricker at prices have not varied materially. The sales are comprised in the following items: The day's sales embrace 100 mats Rio, on the spot, 10½c.; 500 bags Rio at 10c. 60 do. and 2,000 do. (by auction) at 10c.@10½c. ⅌ lb.

COTTON—Continues quite dull and nominally unchanged. The sales are comprised in the following items: The day's sales embrace 100 bales Orleans

AUCTION SALES.

AUCTION SALES.—EAST RIVER AND FRONT-ST. PROPERTY.—Sale of Valuable Leasehold Property, Fronting on the East River, from Pier No. 18 to Pier No. 24, inclusive, and Fronting on the City Hall Park.

EAST RIVER.

1. Pier No. 18, and half of bulkhead adjoining; foot of Market-st.
2. Next side of Pier No. 18, and half of bulkhead adjoining; foot of Market-st.
3. Next side of Pier No. 18, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 18 and 20; foot of Market-st.
4. Next side of Pier No. 20, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 20 and 22; foot of Market-st.
5. Next side of Pier No. 22, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 22 and 24; foot of Market-st.
6. Next side of Pier No. 24, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 24 and 26; foot of Market-st.
7. One hundred and forty-two feet six inches, on East side of Pier No. 26, and half of bulkhead; foot of Pearl-st.
8. Next side of Pier No. 28, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 28 and 30; foot of Pearl-st.
9. Next side of Pier No. 30, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 30 and 32; foot of Pearl-st.
10. Next side of Pier No. 32, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 32 and 34; foot of Pearl-st.
11. Next side of Pier No. 34, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 34 and 36; foot of Pearl-st.
12. Next side of Pier No. 36, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 36 and 38; foot of Pearl-st.
13. Next side of Pier No. 38, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 38 and 40; foot of Pearl-st.
14. Next side of Pier No. 40, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 40 and 42; foot of Pearl-st.
15. Next side of Pier No. 42, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 42 and 44; foot of Pearl-st.
16. Next side of Pier No. 44, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 44 and 46; foot of Pearl-st.
17. Next side of Pier No. 46, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 46 and 48; foot of Pearl-st.
18. Next side of Pier No. 48, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 48 and 50; foot of Pearl-st.
19. Next side of Pier No. 50, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 50 and 52; foot of Pearl-st.
20. Next side of Pier No. 52, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 52 and 54; foot of Pearl-st.
21. Next side of Pier No. 54, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 54 and 56; foot of Pearl-st.
22. Next side of Pier No. 56, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 56 and 58; foot of Pearl-st.
23. Next side of Pier No. 58, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 58 and 60; foot of Pearl-st.
24. Next side of Pier No. 60, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 60 and 62; foot of Pearl-st.
25. Next side of Pier No. 62, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 62 and 64; foot of Pearl-st.
26. Next side of Pier No. 64, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 64 and 66; foot of Pearl-st.
27. Next side of Pier No. 66, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 66 and 68; foot of Pearl-st.
28. Next side of Pier No. 68, except that part occupied by the Ferry; foot of Pearl-st.
29. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Dover-st.
30. Bulkhead and half of pier adjoining, at the foot of Division-st.
31. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 2 and 4; foot of Division-st.
32. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 4 and 6; foot of Division-st.
33. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 6 and 8; foot of Division-st.
34. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 8 and 10; foot of Division-st.
35. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 10 and 12; foot of Division-st.
36. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 12 and 14; foot of Division-st.
37. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 14 and 16; foot of Division-st.
38. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 16 and 18; foot of Division-st.
39. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 18 and 20; foot of Division-st.
40. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 20 and 22; foot of Division-st.
41. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 22 and 24; foot of Division-st.
42. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 24 and 26; foot of Division-st.
43. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 26 and 28; foot of Division-st.
44. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 28 and 30; foot of Division-st.
45. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 30 and 32; foot of Division-st.
46. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 32 and 34; foot of Division-st.
47. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 34 and 36; foot of Division-st.
48. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 36 and 38; foot of Division-st.
49. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 38 and 40; foot of Division-st.
50. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 40 and 42; foot of Division-st.
51. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 42 and 44; foot of Division-st.
52. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 44 and 46; foot of Division-st.
53. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 46 and 48; foot of Division-st.
54. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 48 and 50; foot of Division-st.
55. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 50 and 52; foot of Division-st.
56. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 52 and 54; foot of Division-st.
57. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 54 and 56; foot of Division-st.
58. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 56 and 58; foot of Division-st.
59. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 58 and 60; foot of Division-st.
60. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 60 and 62; foot of Division-st.
61. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 62 and 64; foot of Division-st.
62. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 64 and 66; foot of Division-st.
63. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 66 and 68; foot of Division-st.
64. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 68 and 70; foot of Division-st.
65. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 70 and 72; foot of Division-st.
66. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 72 and 74; foot of Division-st.
67. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 74 and 76; foot of Division-st.
68. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 76 and 78; foot of Division-st.
69. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 78 and 80; foot of Division-st.
70. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 80 and 82; foot of Division-st.
71. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 82 and 84; foot of Division-st.
72. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 84 and 86; foot of Division-st.
73. Bulkhead and half of pier, including half of the pier, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 86 and 88; foot of Division-st.

NORTH RIVER.

74. North half of Pier No. 13, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 13 and 15; foot of Albany-st.
75. Next side of Pier No. 15, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 15 and 17; foot of Albany-st.
76. Next side of Pier No. 17, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 17 and 19; foot of Albany-st.
77. Next side of Pier No. 19, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 19 and 21; foot of Albany-st.
78. Next side of Pier No. 21, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 21 and 23; foot of Albany-st.
79. Next side of Pier No. 23, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 23 and 25; foot of Albany-st.
80. Next side of Pier No. 25, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 25 and 27; foot of Albany-st.
81. Next side of Pier No. 27, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 27 and 29; foot of Albany-st.
82. Next side of Pier No. 29, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 29 and 31; foot of Albany-st.
83. Next side of Pier No. 31, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 31 and 33; foot of Albany-st.
84. Next side of Pier No. 33, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 33 and 35; foot of Albany-st.
85. Next side of Pier No. 35, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 35 and 37; foot of Albany-st.
86. Next side of Pier No. 37, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 37 and 39; foot of Albany-st.
87. Next side of Pier No. 39, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 39 and 41; foot of Albany-st.
88. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Jefferson-st.
89. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Clinton-st.
90. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Washington-st.
91. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Greenwich-st.
92. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Charlton-st.
93. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Dominick-st.
94. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Canal-st.
95. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Spring-st.
96. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Vandam-st.
97. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Jones-st.
98. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Barrow-st.
99. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Bethune-st.
100. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Twenty-sixth-st.
101. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Twenty-seventh-st.
102. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Twenty-eighth-st.
103. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Twenty-ninth-st.
104. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Thirty-first-st.
105. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Thirty-second-st.
106. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Thirty-third-st.
107. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Thirty-fourth-st.
108. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Thirty-fifth-st.
109. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Thirty-sixth-st.
110. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Thirty-seventh-st.
111. Half of bulkhead at the foot of Thirty-eighth-st.

TERMS OF SALE.

The lessees to pay of the rent of ten per cent, per annum, of the value of the land, and of all taxes and assessments, the continuance of their leases, from the time of completing.

Vendors to pay whatever remaining to the lessee of the State and the ordinances of the Common Council; and the lessees are to be bound by those laws, so they may be allowed from time to time.

No Warrants to be charged to Hell-Gate or Sound Pilot boats, nor to the boats belonging to the sloop-of-war of the United States, of foreign nations, or to the United States Revenue Cutters, or German; or to vessels navigating by steam, or to transportation of coastal cleaners or coal sloops from the City.

The Corporation reserve to themselves the right to build over, fill, and make streets, or extend those already built; to build docks and fill in behind the bulkhead, and to make such Wharves, Piers, and Slips as they may think proper, without claim of payment of claim for damages, or deduction of rent, or otherwise, on the part of the lessee.

No Bids will be received, nor will any be accepted, by parties who are known to be, or who may proved to be, the agents of other parties, or who are known to be in the City, or any confederate to induce out the sales on the part of the Corporation, during the continuance of the sales.

The Leases will contain the usual covenants, and such other covenants as may be deemed necessary, and the usual clause of re-entry, and the Leases will be issued by the Comptroller, and be signed by the Mayor and Comptroller, and sealed with the Corporation Seal.

The Leases will be required to keep the Wharves and Piers in good condition, and pay and perform all the other covenants, including the usual power and reservation, and the usual clause for the lessee to have a lease for the term of years, and to give a lease for the term of years, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 84 and 86, foot of Clinton-st.

87. Pier No. 84, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 86 and 88, foot of Clinton-st.
88. Pier No. 86, and half of bulkhead between Nos. 88 and 90, foot of Clinton-st.
89. Pier No. 88, foot of Clinton-st.
90. Pier No. 90, foot of Hamilton-st.
91. Pier No. 92, and one hundred and twenty feet of bulkhead, foot of Hamilton-st; an allowance to be made for filling in, foot of Hamilton-st.
92. Bulkhead foot of Gerhard-st.
93. Bulkhead foot of Pier of Twenty-st.
94. Bulkhead foot of Pier of Twenty-first-st.
95. North half of pier foot of Twenty-fifth-st.
96. Pier, foot of Twenty-ninth-st.
97. Pier, foot of Thirty-first-st.
98. Pier, foot of Thirty-fourth-st.
99. Pier, foot of Forty-fifth-st.
100. Pier, foot of Forty-sixth-st.
101. Pier, foot of Forty-ninth-st.
102. Pier, foot of Fifty-ninth-st.
103. Pier, foot of Sixty-first-st.
104. Pier, foot of Sixty-fourth-st.

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THE KNICKERBOCKER SAVINGS BANK.

CANAL APPRAISERS' REPORT.

Taking Care of Rocks and Cabs.

THE LEMMONS AGAIN.

Senator Dickinson and President Fillmore.

Letter from the Ex-President.

A QUESTION OF VERACITY.

Somebody Wonderfully Mistaken.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.
ALBANY, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1855.

It was "general order" in the House, and you know, or ought to know, that I shall have nothing to say there. It is always a heated, unpromotive nail, for a grocer that has to bring his gatherings to your bricks and mortar, and to-day is more than usually so.

THE WARREN RAILROAD REPORT.

The Speaker announced the following Committee to inquire into the charges brought against the Boston Railroad Company of extorting from way passengers: Messrs. WARREN, of Westchester; FITCH, of Franklin; LANFORT, of Ontario; G. P. JOHNSON, of Tioga, and L. MERRIT, of St. Lawrence.

THE INDIAN TREATIES.

The speaker announced the following Committee on the propositions to gather up, record and publish the documentary evidence of our success in obtaining the Indians out of their property: Messrs. CLARK, STEVENS, WELLS, HEARTLY and G. TOMPKINS.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS IN THE ASSEMBLY.

On motion of Mr. DAWINSON, of Albany, the House granted the use of the Assembly Chamber to the Homoeopathic Medical Society, for the delivery of the annual address.

HARBOR ENCROACHMENTS.

Mr. BLANCHARD offered the following resolution, which under the rules, was laid on the table:

Resolved (if the Senate concur,) That the Attorney-General, if he has instructed the public interest requires it, institute proper action in the Supreme Court for the prosecuting and annulling the letters patent issued under the direction of the Commissioners of the Land Office to the Brooklyn Gas Light Company, the certificate under water, bearing date of July, 1853.

THE PROVIDENT MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY.

Were it never changed so that it shall hereafter be known as the "Provident Episcopal Brotherhood of New-York," and that it may be authorized "to aid disconsolate members of the Church generally, according to its ability." For this purpose Senator SEYMOUR introduced a bill, which was referred to the Committee on Charitable and Religious Institutions.

REGULATING HACKS, &c.

Senator WHITNEY introduced a bill this morning in relation to hacks, coaches, cabs, passenger sleighs and passenger omnibuses, and other vehicles licensed by the authorities of any city within this State for the conveyance of passengers, and to prevent extortion upon the passengers and punish proprietors and drivers for demanding and receiving a greater rate and amount of fare than is allowed by the rates fixed by the city authorities governing such licenses. The following is the bill entire:

SECTION 1. Every owner of any coach, hack, cab, omnibus, sleigh, or other vehicle used for the conveyance of passengers to or from any railroad depot or steamboat, or other place, shall be required to place within such vehicle, in such place as that it can readily be seen by passengers, the particular number of the vehicle, in figures at least one and one-half inches in length, and the name or surnames of the proprietor or proprietors, designating his or their respective places of residence, and also the name of the street or streets in which he or they respectively reside, and also the printed rates of fare fixed by the City authorities governing the same, to be placed on the back vehicle, in such a position that it can be seen by the passengers; and, in addition, the number of the vehicle shall be placed on each side of the outside of the vehicle, in figures of such size as the officer to be appointed under the provisions of the third section of this act shall approve.

SEC. 2. Any proprietor or driver of any coach, hack, cab, omnibus or sleigh or other vehicle, who shall demand and receive from any passenger a greater amount or rate of fare than is allowed and fixed by the city authorities governing a license for such vehicles, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall on conviction be liable to be imprisoned in the jail of the County in which the offence has been committed for a term not exceeding thirty days, or to both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Mayor of every city within this State within thirty days after the passage of this act, to appoint a suitable person, with a reasonable annual salary, whose duty it shall be to see that the provisions of this act are fully executed with, and bring before the proper authorities any case of violation of this act, or complaint of a violation of the provisions of this act, by any proprietor or driver of any vehicle named herein. The person so appointed may be removed by the Mayor for neglect of duty or other good cause.

SEC. 4. The salary of the person appointed by the Mayor, by virtue of the provisions of the third section of this act shall be fixed by the Board of Supervisors of the County, and be paid by the County Treasurer, quarterly, on the warrant of the Mayor.

PROTECTION FROM COLORED CITIZENS.

Sullivan County presented a petition, signed by about fifty colored citizens, setting forth that Article 2, Section 1, of the Constitution of this State, burdens them with political inequalities, and deprives them of rights which are essential to the enjoyment of man-hood-dignation, and incompatible to every Republican. They, as a class, have never been suspected of entertaining any designs against the peace of the country, or committing offences against the laws worthy of punishment, or for which they should be deprived of the right to an equal participation in the political or civil affairs of the State. Dedicating citizens besides the petitioners—others with clearly enumerated rights, and with better facilities for judging—have been equally praised, and have contributed liberally and as unobtrusively for a reasonable portion of the course that can justify the prohibition of which Messrs. MYERS, GARDNER, PERSONY and their associate petitioners complain. But their grievances and their suggestions have been referred to the Committee of the Judiciary. May we expect that intelligent and inspiring reaction of the Senate to work out a satisfactory answer to the pleas submitted.

THE KNICKERBOCKER SAVINGS BANK.

The receivers of this institution make report to the Senate of the condition of its affairs:

Cash on hand	$3,128 79
Loans secured by mortgage of real estate	225,277 50
(These loans are believed generally to be good, and it is supposed there will be little or no loss thereon.)	
Loans to individuals with stocks as collateral	98,773 56
For which the following securities are held, to-wit:	
2,000 shares Knickerbocker Bank Stock	$68,725
400 shares Knickerbocker Life Insurance Co.	16,200
700 shares St. Nicholas Fire Insurance Co.	16,550
120 shares Mechanics' Bank, Williamsburg	6,000
160 shares Citizens' Bank	2,520
20 shares Fulton Fire Insurance Co.	1,000
20 shares East River Bank	1,000
3 shares Peoples' Fire Insurance Co.	150
Total nominal value	$107,150

The most of the above-named collaterals are of doubtful value, but it is hoped there will be a considerable loss on the stock loans. A majority of them are to individuals who are now insolvent.

Loan to an incorporated Company secured by assignment of bonds and mortgages | $7,800
(This loan is reported as good for the full amount.)

Money drawn from the Savings Institution for which no security was taken | $9,726 74
(Steps have been taken to secure this, and the full amount will probably be recovered.)

Money deposited on case and investment stocks in Knickerbocker Bank, without collateral security | $1,648 00

Balance overdrawn in Knickerbocker Bank, on general bank account | $114,321 99
(About $40,000 of this item is disputed by the Bank, and will probably be litigated.)

Total assets | $448,840 00

Upon which the Bank claims against the Institution, exclusive of any that may accrue on the loss of deposits in the Knickerbocker Bank, at least | 50,000 00

Supposed available assets | $402,040 00

The liabilities of said Savings Institution are as follows:

Due 5,195 depositors for principal | $398,000 00
Due for back interest, est. | 700 00
Total liabilities | $407,740 00

Making the estimated deficiency, provided the entire amount claimed to be due from the Knickerbocker Bank should be lost | $55,691 16

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CANAL APPRAISERS.

In accordance with the statute, the Canal Appraisers submitted their annual report. They show that one hundred and thirty-five claims were presented during the past year, the aggregate amount of which is $218,710 48, as follows:

Erie Canal	$4,898 46
Erie Canal Enlargement	101,499 28
Genesee Valley Canal	272 00
Champlain Canal	11,134 24
Oswego Canal	17,022 56
Black River Canal	30,925 53
Chemung Canal	2,000 00
Cayuga and Seneca Canal	7,810 00
Oneida River Improvement	21,817 00

There have been one hundred and five awards made, amounting to $53,745 84, upon which was claimed the sum of $206,500 48. Eighteen claims, amounting to $11,900, have been dismissed as not being within the jurisdiction of the Appraisers.

THE LEMMONS AGAIN—SOMEBODY SQUEEZED.

The special order to-day at 12 o'clock, was the resolution to employ counsel to assist the Attorney-General in defending the suit brought by the State of Virginia to test the right of New-York to set at liberty certain slaves brought to the city of New-York by LEMMON. The floor was given to Mr. DICKINSON, who resumed and concluded the remarks in reply to the harangue of Mr. BROOKS. He was repeatedly interrupted by the Know-Nothing and Democratic (Barnburner) members of the circle. It was a rambling recounting of all the political events of the past ten or fifteen years.

When Mr. DICKINSON had concluded Mr. BROOKS replied. On a previous occasion he had charged that the friends of Mr. SEWARD had called and conducted the meeting held in the city of Albany, in August, 1848, to consider the action of Gen. TAYLOR in accepting the nomination made in South Carolina.

In reply Mr. DICKINSON asserted that the meeting alluded to was convened and advised by Mr. FILLMORE himself, and that the proceedings were conducted under the promptings of the three candidates for Vice-President.

To-day Mr. BROOKS in reply to the assertions made by Mr. DICKINSON, the Senator from New-York, read the following letter from Mr. FILLMORE:

BUFFALO, N.Y., Saturday, Feb. 10, 1855.

MY DEAR SIR—I have yours of the 6th inst., in which you inquire "whether I was privy to and advised any resolutions drawn by Mr. WEED or others, to be acted upon at the Albany meeting in August, 1848, (20th,) to defeat General TAYLOR;" to which I beg leave to reply, that I neither drew, nor advised the drawing, of any such resolutions; that on entering Mr. WEED's printing office just as dusk, I found him engaged in drawing such resolutions for the meeting which had then been called. He read them to me, which was the first knowledge I had of them; and I protested against them and the meeting, and to my remonstrance, as I understood, Mr. WEED consented not to present them, but to have the meeting postponed. These are the facts, but in my retirement I would choose to avoid all notoriety, and especially such as arises from political controversy; nevertheless, if it be essential to the truth of history that you should make known the contents of this letter, you are at liberty to do so. I am truly yours,

MILLARD FILLMORE.

Hon. ERASTUS BROOKS, Senate Chamber, Albany.

Here is a question of veracity between the Senator from the Twenty-sixth and the late President. Doubtless the Senator will take occasion to make his defence—to justify his former assertions. For, of a certainty there must be ample material for something further upon this subject.

In connection with the nomination of Mr. KETCHUM, made and withdrawn by Gov. SEWARD, the Senator from New-York read two letters from Mr. TALLMADGE, one directed to himself, and the other to a New-York paper, I copy the latter, as it is in the most full of the two:

FEBRUARY 10, 1855.

MESSRS. EDITORS: I perceive by the report of proceedings in the Senate of New-York, in your paper of last evening, Mr. DICKINSON is reported to have said that Governor SEWARD withdrew the nomination of HIRAM KETCHUM from the Senate, for the office of Judge of the Supreme Court, to which he had been nominated, from representations made to him, by Governor ROOT, Mr. DICKINSON and myself.

My friend, Mr. DICKINSON, must be in error in regard to myself, as the nomination was made to the Senate in April, 1841, and my term of office as Senator expired on the 1st of January, 1841.

At the time of presenting the nomination of Mr. KETCHUM, I was not a member of the Senate, and could not, therefore, have advised the withdrawal of his name.

I may be permitted to add that an acquaintance with Mr KETCHUM, in both his private and professional character, for more than 20 years, has inspired in me the greatest regard for his private worth, and the highest respect for his elevated professional position.

Respectfully yours,

F. A. TALLMADGE.

In this same connection Mr. BROOKS also read the following letter, which had been addressed to him by the writer:

No. 31 WALL-STREET, Feb. 12, 1855.

DEAR SIR: You have seen fit to introduce in the debate in the Senate the school question and my nomination to the office of Circuit Judge in May, 1841, and the withdrawal of that nomination by Gov. SEWARD. Since those topics have been brought before the Senate, I am desirous that the facts should truly appear. Mr. DICKINSON says my nomination was before the Senate for weeks. It was sent to the Senate May 11, 1841—certainly not before that date, and the Senate adjourned May 26. He says also that Gen. ROOT, Mr. TALLMADGE and himself made a representation to the GOVERNOR that my nomination should not be confirmed, and that he withdrew it. It appears that Mr. TALLMADGE was not at that time a member of the Senate, and denies the transaction so far as he was concerned. The other witness, Gen. ROOT, is dead. I never heard of the facts stated by Mr. DICKINSON, before he made the statement. The facts relating to the whole subject are briefly these: In the year 1840, the Legislature gave to the Corporation of the City of New-York power to distribute the portion of the School Fund assigned to and raised for that City, among such institutions and schools, as it should by ordinance designate. Under this law the Common Council excluded from a participation in this fund, all religious denominations, including, of course, the Roman Catholic schools. In 1840, the Roman Catholic schools petitioned the Corporation for a participation in this fund. In October of that year they were heard before a full Council, through Bishop HUGHES, at great length. Others were heard. I listened on that occasion. The Committee investigated the subject, with care and patience, and many of its members visited the schools, and then rejected the petition, with, I think, entire unanimity. The Roman Catholics then applied to the Legislature; their petitions were referred to the Secretary of State, Hon. JOHN C. SPENCER. In 1841, he made an elaborate report, suggesting a plan which allowed the formation of voluntary associations for the establishment of schools. These associations when formed would have been corporations quite as close as the Public School Society. They would, moreover, have allowed Roman Catholics to form associations among themselves, establish schools for their own children, appointing their own clergy as teachers, and these clergy would have drawn their salary from the School Fund. It is believed the plan was submitted to, and had the entire approval of Bishop HUGHES.

After this report was drawn, Gov. SEWARD came to the City of New-York and requested an interview with the Trustees of the Public School Society. The interview was held, the plan was urged by the Governor, the Trustees were not convinced, and they opposed it. On the 26th April, 1841, the Trustees sent to the Legislature a remonstrance against this report, and prayed to be heard. This remonstrance was referred by the Senate to the Committee on Literature, composed of Gen. ROOT, Mr. VERPLANCK and Mr. HUNTER. This Committee held a meeting to hear parties in the Capitol on the 6th of May, 1841. This meeting was attended by a number of Roman Catholics from the City of New-York, representing the schools of this denomination. They were heard through two gentlemen of the bar—WRIGHT HAWKES, Esq., and the late Mr. MCKEON. I was heard on behalf of the Public School Society at some length. On the 15th of the same month, Tuesday following, the Committee reported a bill. On the same day, I understand my nomination was sent to the Senate. On the 22d of May, on motion of Mr. VERPLANCK, the bill was considered in Committee. On the 26th of May, the Senate proceeded to a further consideration of the report, and Senator NICHOLAS moved that the further consideration be postponed to the first Tuesday of January next, ensuing. On this motion the Yeas and Nays were taken, there were eleven in the affirmative and two in the negative. The bill was, therefore, lost. On the published list of the Yeas and Nays, neither the name of Senator ROOT nor Senator HUNTER appears.

After this vote, as I was informed, the Governor withdrew my nomination. On the 26th—the next day—the House adjourned.

Now, from that day to this, I have been of opinion that Governor SEWARD—who was very anxious for the passage of this bill, and expressed to me on the 5th May his full belief that it would pass—withdrew my nomination because his favorite measure failed, and to show his entire sincerity to the friends of that measure, Bishop HUGHES, and the Roman Catholics of the City of New-York.

I was, therefore, sacrificed upon the call of my native State, not thirty miles from my birth-place, to please those of another religion and not born in my country. I know I shall be pardoned for saying that I did not communicate this transaction with complacency in this view of it, but Senator DICKINSON puts a new face on the matter, and according to his statement, my withdrawal was from kindness and delicacy to me. What a pity that such kindness and such delicacy have been concealed from the public for fourteen years.

Yours, very respectfully and truly,

HIRAM KETCHUM.

Hon. SEWARD THOMAS.

Mystery further was from when Mr. Sewards had conducted. I think the history will show that the days on which he was a Senator, of the gentleman's experience, of some hundreds, and thousands, conducted and controlled by the proceedings of the two Kit Kat Kitchens, namely, Know-Nothing and Democratic.

Rome Sentinel, 8th inst.

S. S. R. S.

NEW-YORK CITY.

CHESS.

Three Match Games of the New-York Chess Club.

The lovers of Chess will find excellent sport in the following games, played at the New-York Club in the match between Messrs. LOYD and PERRIN:

FIFTH GAME—EVANS GAMBIT.

Black, (Perrin.)	White, (Loyd.)
1. p to K 4.	p to K 4.
2. K kt. to b 3.	Q kt. to b 3.
3. b to Q b 4.	b to Q b 4
4. p to Q kt. 4.	b takes p.
5. p to Q b 3.	b to Q r 4.
6. p to Q 4.	p takes p.
7. Castles.	b to Q kt. 3.
8. p to K 5.	p to Q 4.
9. p tks. p en passant.	Q b p takes Q p.
10. r to K (ch.)	K kt. to K 2.
11. kt. to K kt. 5.	p to Q 4.
12. Q to R r 5.	p to K kt. 3.
13. Q to K r 6.	b to K 2.
14. Q to R kt. 7.	K r to K kt.
15. Q takes K r p.	p taken b.
16. K kt. to K 4.	K to Q 2.
17. K kt. to K kt 6 (ch.)	K to Q b sq.
18. kt. takes R.	Q takes kt.
19. Q takes Q.	kt. takes Q.
20. kt. to Q 2.	p takes p.
21. kt. takes p.	b takes kt.
22. r to K 8 (ch.)	b to Q sq.
23. r takes kt.	p to Q kt. 4.
24. b to K kt. 3.	K to Q kt. 2.
25. b takes b.	r takes b.
26. r takes r.	kt. takes r.
27. p to Q b sq.	p to Q kt. 5.
28. p to Q r 3.	p to Q r 4.
29. p to Q r 4.	p to Q b 3.
30. K to K b 2.	kt. to Q 5.

After a few moves Mr. PERRIN resigned.

SIXTH GAME.

White, (Loyd.)	Black, (Perrin.)
1. p to Q 4.	p to Q 4.
2. p to Q b 4.	p to K 3.
3. K kt. to b 3.	Q kt. to b 3.
4. p to K 3.	K b to K 2.
5. K b to Q 3.	K kt. to b 3.
6. Castles.	Castles.
7. p to Q r 3.	p Q kt. 3.
8. p to Q kt. 4.	p Q r 3.
9. Q kt. to b 3.	Q b to Q kt. 2.
10. Q to Q b 2.	p to K r 3.
11. Q b to kt. 2.	Q r takes p.
12. K b takes p.	K b to Q 4.
13. Q r to Q sq.	Q to K 2.
14. R to K 4.	p to K 4.
15. Q kt. to Q b.	K kt. takes kt.
16. K b takes kt.	kt. takes Q p.
17. kt. takes kt.	Q b takes K b.
18. kt. to K b 5.	Q to K 2.
19. Q r takes Q b.	Q r to Q sq.
20. kt. takes b.	p takes kt.
21. Q to Q b 6.	p takes p.
22. r takes K p.	Q to Q 3.
23. Q to Q 5 (ch.)	Q takes Q.
24. r takes Q.	K b p takes p.
25. K r to Q sq.	R to K 6.
26. b takes p.	Q r to K sq.
27. b to Q 4.	p to Q r 4.
28. r takes Q p.	p takes p.
29. p takes p.	p to Q kt. 4.
30. Q r to Q kt. 6.	And after a few moves

Mr. PERRIN abandoned the game.

SEVENTH GAME—SCOTCH GAMBIT.

Black, (Perrin.)	White, (Loyd.)
1. p to K 4.	p to K 4.
2. K kt. to b 3.	Q kt. to b 3.
3. p to Q 4.	kt. takes p.
4. K kt. takes p.	Q kt. to K 3.
5. b to Q b 4.	Q to K b 3.
6. kt. to K b 3.	K kt. to K 2.
7. kt. to Q b 3.	K kt. to Q b 3
8. Castles.	b to Q b 4
9. Q kt. to Q 5.	Q K kt. to K.
10. p to Q b 3.	Castles.
11. r to K sq.	Q to K r 4.
12. p to K 5.	K kt. to Q r 4.
13. b to K 2.	b to Q kt. 3.
14. K kt. to K kt. 5.	Q to K r 3.
15. p to K kt. 3.	p takes b p. (ch.)
16. K to K kt. 2.	p takes r.
17. p takes Q.	b takes p.
18. kt. takes kt.	K b p takes kt.
19. kt. takes Q b p.	p to Q kt. 4.
20. r to K b 1.	r takes b.
21. Q takes r.	r to Q kt. 2.
22. Q takes b.	kt. takes Q.
23. kt. takes r.	

After several moves Mr. PERRIN announced mate in six moves.

A Hard Case.

The following letters explain themselves:

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1855.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

SIR: Allow me to correct a statement which appeared in your paper yesterday, charging me with having been arrested for a violent and unprovoked assault upon Justice BRENNAN whilst in discharge of his duties at a fire in Fulton-street on Friday night last. The facts of the case are as follows:

On the night above mentioned, I was walking up Fulton-street in company with two friends, and, when between Pearl and Cliff-streets, a gentleman, (as I judged by his dress,) coming down the street in haste, pushed violently against me, and turned round immediately, and, in an excited manner, charged me with rushing against him purposely. This I denied, and intimated that he was the aggressor, when he used some threatening language, and at the same time seized me by the throat. Upon my resisting this outrage, he exclaimed that he was a magistrate, but of course I still struggled to release myself from what I supposed to be the grasp of a ruffian. He then called for a policeman, and, to complete the outrage, caused me to be locked up for the night in the Second Ward Station-house, whence I was taken next morning to the Tombs, and, without seeing my prosecutor, was committed until bail was procured.

Believing myself to have been unjustly treated, and as a misrepresentation of the case appeared in your columns, I request the favor of an insertion of the above, which will be substantiated by respectable witnesses when the case is tried. I am, Sir, yours most respectfully,

EDWARD THOMAS GOODLIFFE.

From Another Source.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

SIR: A stranger cannot be in your city without hearing every day that this is a free country—Americans boast of it—discontented Englishmen repeat it, and all the world, but those in the control, believe it. Pray consider the following case and judge:

An Englishman returning from a fire is run against by a man proceeding in great haste to it; without a moment's hesitation the man collars the Englishman, and demands how he dare run up against a Police Magistrate? The Englishman, naturally indignant, strikes the man, who locks him (the Englishman) up for the night. In the morning he is taken before another magistrate, who, immediately commits him to the Tombs in heavy bail, (though *there is no prosecutor present* to prosecute. (Imagine the outcry there would be in England at such a gross injustice.) At the Tombs he is confined in a cell alone for the greater part of that day and though he made repeated applications to the keeper for a messenger in order to communicate with his friends, that they might bail him, yet he is informed there is no possibility of his doing so without a fee of $1, and even that would not be sufficient to guarantee the delivery of any message; but the keeper introduces him to a lawyer, who first exacts a fee of $10 from him on the plea of obtaining his discharge immediately, which the lawyer afterwards informs him he cannot do, but will inform his friends for him, which he does. Of course they bail him immediately, much astonished that such things as these can take place in free America.

I can substantiate the truth of the whole of this letter.

A. C. E.

Mr. GOODLIFFE is a respectable young Englishman, a book-keeper in an importing house. He has requested us to publish his statement, and we do it very cheerfully. His case, however, is simply a repetition of scenes in which Police Magistrates and members of the City Police have at times figured. The practices of parties who frequent the City Prison—hinted at by the writer of one of the communications above—are also open to condemnation. It is a notorious fact that prisoners when arrested on vague charges, are scarcely treated in that quarter with the consideration due to the ends of justice.

A Model Artist Establishment Broken up.

Yesterday morning a pretty-looking mulatto girl, named JOSEPHINE WILSON, and three white girls, were brought before Judge BRENNAN by Captain TURNBULL of the Eighth Ward Police, and officer MOORE, charged with keeping a Model Artist establishment in Mercer-street. This place has long been the resort of vile characters of both sexes, and the Magistrate being determined to put a stop to the nuisance, he sent three of the defendants to the "Island" as vagrants and held the principal offender for trial.

☞ The Junior Exhibition at the Free Academy takes place on Friday, 16th. The examinations are progressing.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Established remedy for liver and stomach complaints. The daughter of Mr. Farlow, of Rosly-street, New-York, was on these pills in a deplorable state of ill health, suffering from her liver and stomach. Seven weeks ago she commenced the use of HOLLOWAY'S PILLS, and is perfectly cured. Sold at the manufactories, No. 80 Maiden-lane, New-York, and No. 244 Strand, London, and by all druggists, at 25c., 62c. and $1 per box.

Staten Island Ferry—Other Side.

From the Evening Post.

MR. EDITOR: From the character of your remarks, introductory of an article upon the Staten Island Ferry, it appears that you do not properly appreciate either the facts or the objects of at least some whose complaints are loudest on this subject. The comparison between the heavy freight—not passenger—boats of the Erie Railroad of a large class for the navigation of the Hudson, and the Staten Island ferry-boats, is scarcely just; while the recent severe weather and northeast winds, driving the ice from the shores of Staten Island, encumbering its harbors and obstructing its landings in an unusual manner, should certainly qualify the censure implied by that comparison.

Every attempt to establish an opposition on that ferry has failed for want of support. Competition to which you refer was not long since quite active there. With a fast and safe boat, and two of the best landings at the Island and in the City, it resulted in a loss to a few individuals, after an effort of two years, of over $40,000, by the failure of the inhabitants of the Island and the public to sustain that competition—many being opposed to a reduction of the fare from twelve and a half to six cents a passenger, and those so opposed were principally residents of Clifton.

At this price, for the distance, it is the cheapest ferry in the State, and the freights are cheaper, it is believed, in proportion, than those of any other ferry in these waters—a team with eight barrels of flour being carried for thirty cents. In fact, these low rates are in reality the cause of the absence of that competition of which you complain. And it should not be overlooked, that it was with the view of sustaining a low rate that the present proprietors became the purchasers of the ferry, having been the sufferers in the attempt to sustain an opposition, and having more important interests on the Island than their property in boats and ferry leases.

The experiment of extending the ferry to Clifton was made last Summer, and the receipts there were *largely* deficient in meeting the additional expense.

Some owners of property on the more remote shores of Clifton would doubtless like a ferry on their water-fronts, while it has also been stated that certain well-known contractors of the city would like to get possession of the ferry on easy terms. And to such influences, possibly, much of the sudden and recent clamor on this subject may be traced.

The last Annual Report of the Company, to which I have had access, and to which I would, for facts, among other sources of information, humbly refer your correspondent, states that all the boats—six in number—Mr. VANDERBILT run but four—have been put in a most efficient state, and in thorough repair, at a great outlay of capital.

STATEN ISLAND, Feb. 12, 1855.

MARRIED.

In this City, on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 13, at South Dutch Church, by Rev. John Macauley, Mr. JOHN D. MAINS, (of the firm of David Dows & Co.,) to Miss MARY E., Jr., JONES; all of this City.

At Southport, Conn., on Tuesday, Feb. 13, by Rev. Mr. Purdy, CHARLES E. HAVES, of the firm of Babcock & Dayton, New-York City, to Miss Hannah D., daughter of Lewis Jennings Esq., of Southport.

In Valparaiso, Chile, South America, on Friday, Dec. 29, 1854, by Rev. David Trumbull, ARTHUR W. MANSFIELD, of Hampstead, N. H., and CAROLINE W. TRUMBULL, daughter of John M. Trumbull, of Colchester, Conn.

DIED.

In this City, on Monday, Feb. 12, of consumption, in her 46th year, PHEBE ANN, wife of James Cochrane.

Her relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, on Wednesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, from her late residence, No. 21 Stuyvesant-st., without further invitation.

In this City, on Tuesday, Feb. 13, NATHANIEL BARKER, in the 72d year of his age.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 31 Eldridge-st., on Thursday, 15th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., without further invitation.

In this City, on Tuesday, Feb. 13, MARY, daughter of Rev. John A. and Eliza McKeen, aged 21 years.

Services will be held at their residence, No. 74 Barrow-st., this afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

☞ Philadelphia papers please copy.

At sea, on Monday, Jan. 29, Capt. JOHN MCWILLIAMS, of the ship *Constantine*, on her passage from Liverpool, aged 45 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 29 Prospect-st., Brooklyn, on Thursday, the 15th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., without further invitation. His remains will be taken to Greenwood for interment.

At Yonkers, on Monday, Feb. 12, HANNAH MATILDA, eldest daughter of Wm. H. and the late Emily Hanlon, aged 12 years, 4 months and 6 days.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her father, Schermerhorn-st., on Wednesday, at 2 o'clock P. M., and at the Reformed Dutch Church, Yonkers, Westchester Co., at 1 o'clock P. M.

At St. Thomas, W. I., Rev. THOS. F. WYCKOFF, late of West Troy, N. Y., and son of Dr. Wyckoff, of Albany.

In Ulster Co., N. Y., on Thursday, Feb. 1, at the residence of his grandfather, JOHN A. DUBOIS, civil engineer, aged 27 years and 11 days.

In this City, on Monday morning, Feb. 12, MARY E., wife of Henry C. Bowden, and daughter of the late Lewis Doyle, in the 25th year of her age.

Her funeral will take place on Wednesday, the 14th, at 2 o'clock P. M., from the residence of her husband, No. 131 East 20th-st.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

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Sales at the Stock Exchange, Feb. 13.

$250	New York 6s, '83	99	100	Cumberland Coal Co.	26
500	New-York 6s, '83	100	100	do	25
1,000	New-York 6s, '83	99	50	do	25
5,000	Virginia 6s	97	200	do	25
11,000	Indiana State 5s	81	100	do	25
1,000	Virginia 6s	97	100	do	25
16,000	do	97	100	do	25
1,000	do	97	100	do	25
1,000	N. Carolina 6s	93	100	do	25
500	California 7s	99	200	Gold Hill Mine	
4,000	Harlem 1st M. Bds.	94	100	McCulloch Gold	
1,000	do	94	50	N. Y. Central R.	94
5,000	Do. Extension Bds.	81	11	do	94
3,000	Erie Bonds of '75	95	212	do	94
14,000	do	95	200	do	94
1,000	Pan. Rdr 2d mort.	107	200	do	94
4,000	do	99	100	Erie Railroad	47
2,000	Ill. Cen. R.R. Bds.	74	200	do	47
17,000	do	74	100	do	47
5,000	do	73	100	do	47
5,000	N. Y. Cen. R.R. Bds	87	100	do	47
5,000	Ill. C.R.R. Fred'ks	68	100	do	47
5,000	do	68	100	do	47
6,000	New-York Cent 7s	98	100	do	47
1,000	do	98	100	Harlem Railroad	20
5,000	do	98	200	do	20
3,000	do	98	200	do	20
1,000	do	98	100	do	20
20	Merchants' Ex. Bank	100	100	Harlem Preferred	50
5	Bank State of N. Y.	102	400	Reading Railroad	93
11	Bank of Commerce	100	100	Hudson River R.R.	35
55	Manhattan Bank	117	25	do	35
30	Canton Co.	32	5	Macon Railroad	100
5	do	32	170	Clev. & Toledo R. R.	71
200	do	32	100	do	71
100	Nic. Transit Co	33	17	Chic. & Rock Isl. R. R.	67
100	do	33	50	do	67
50	do	33	50	do	67
50	do	33	100	Penn. Coal Co.	295
50	Panama Railroad	109	200	do	295

SECOND BOARD.

$1,000	City 6s, '73	96	100	Canton Company	32
2,000	Virginia 6s	96½	100	do	32½
5,000	Pan. Rdr. 2d mort.	100	50	Harlem Railroad	20½
2,000	do	99	100	do	20½
3,000	Erie 2d M. Bonds	91½	50	N. Y. Central R.R.	94
3,000	Erie Bonds of '75	95	100	Erie Railroad	47
1,000	N. Y. Cen. 7s	99½	50	do	47
2,000	Ill. Cen. R. R. Bds.	74	6	do	47
10,000	do	73½	200	do	47
11,000	do	73	100	do	47
4,000	Ill. Cen. R.R.F. R.	68	50	Reading R.R.	93½
25	Penn. Coal Co.	295	200	do	93½
50	Cumberland Coal Co.	25	50	do	93½
100	do	25½	110	Panama Railroad	109
200	McCulloch Gold	1.55	10	do	109
200	do	1.55	20	do	109
50	Mich. Cen. R. R.	80	5	Mich. South. R. R.	80

TUESDAY, Feb. 13—P. M.

The amount of business at the Stock Board this week begins to show a marked decline from the activity of last week; although there is still a liberal demand, at pretty full prices, manifested for State and Railway Bonds. The speculative Rood and Coal shares are concentrating in the Street